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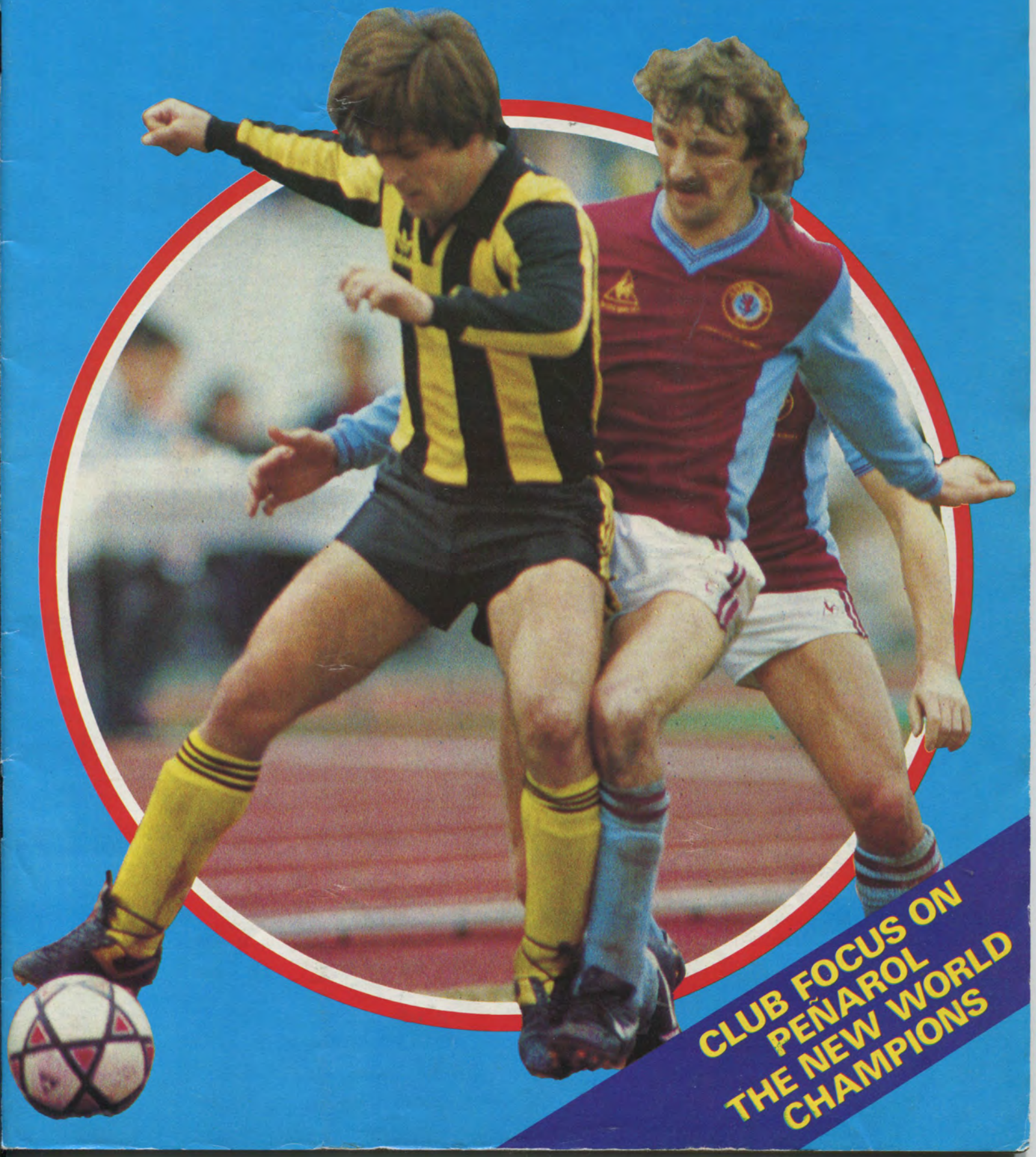

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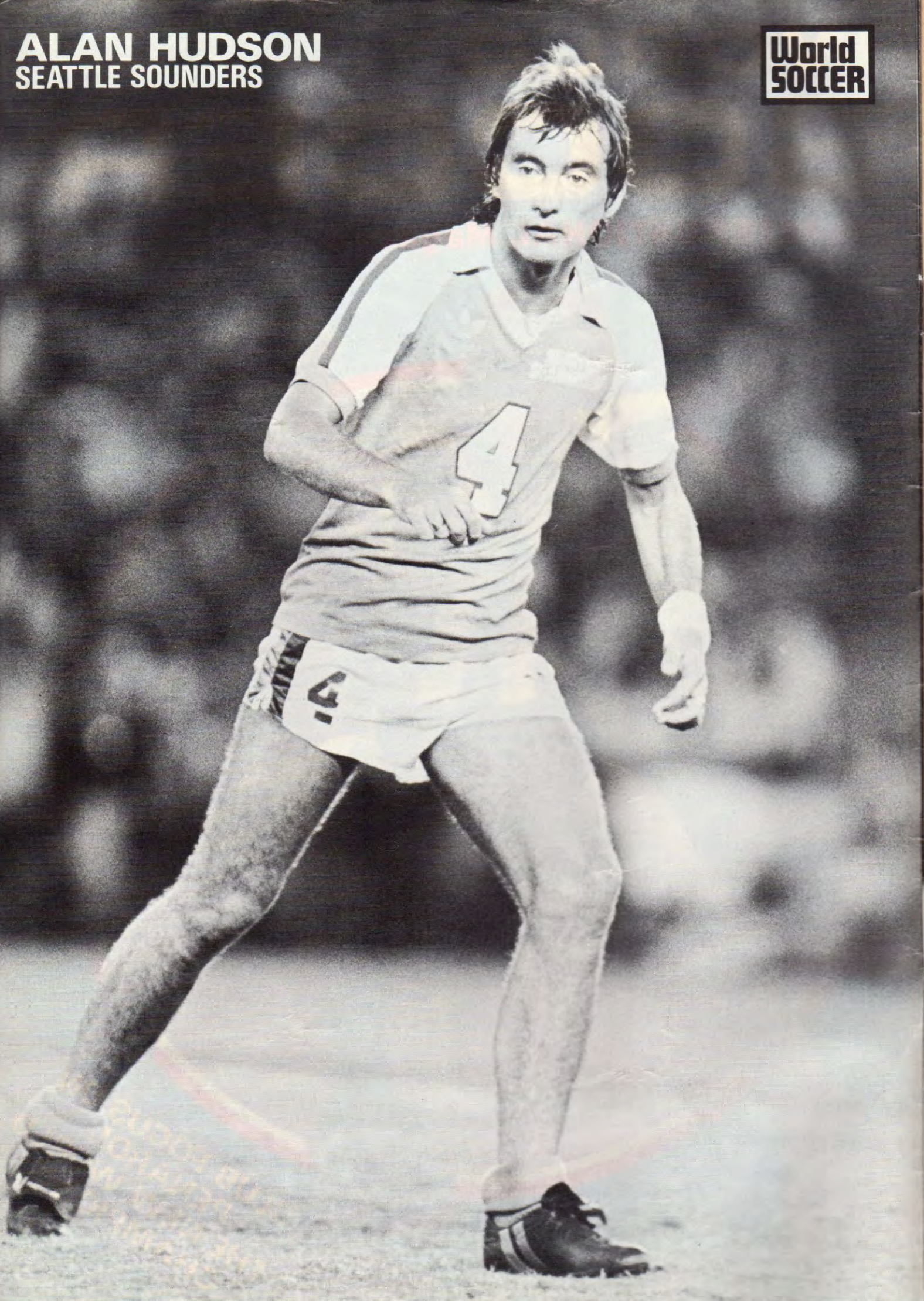


MENOTTI GOES BUT WHERE TO?

From Eric Weil in Buenos Aires

ONE of the most significant managerial changes for a long time takes place on February 6 when — barring accidents — Carlos Salvador Bilardo succeeds Cesar Luis Menotti as boss of Argentina.

Menotti's departure is not unexpected. A year ago he announced that he would quit after the World Cup finals in Spain. That he then chose to hang on and even enter talks about a new contract was more of a surprise: very few men can stand the pressure of being national manager for more than two World Cups!

He goes — perhaps to Barcelona, though Fiorentina, River Plate, Millionarios of Bogota, Brazil's Atletico Mineiro and even Argentina's Rosario Central are all in the market — with his reputation coming under increasing fire back home.

Menotti had been in charge of the national team without interruption longer than any other coach in Argentina — just over eight years — and during that time led the team in 92 matches of which they won 48, drew 22 and lost 22.

This record must not be taken too seriously however because many matches were used as trial games when Menotti repeatedly stressed that the result was not important. What is more important for Argentine soccer is whether his successor will have the same character for organisation and getting what he wanted from the FA and clubs — such as concentrating players away from their clubs for months, which seems doubtful.

Menotti was criticised for favouritism (in sticking with certain players — goalkeeper Baley, centre-forward Diaz, midfielder Valencia for example) and he also made enemies in high places by frequently criticising FA officials and the government — telling them the truth to their faces which is generally not appreciated. There was therefore insistent rumours that it was this which helped to push him out.

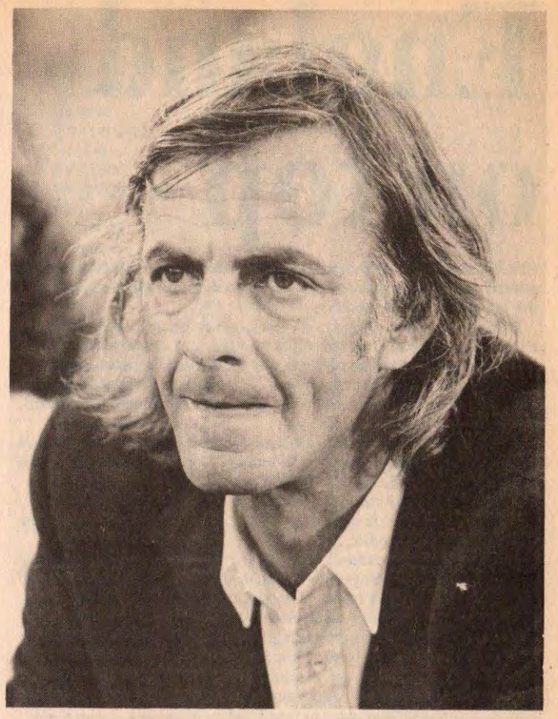
These rumours appeared to take on some credibility when FA president Julio Grondona said that the money Menotti asked for was available, but the FA wanted to run its affairs in with the necessary austerity in the current economic crisis.

Officially no agreement was reached because Menotti asked for too much. Grondona would not reveal the figures, but Menotti said his salary could have been paid with the gate receipts of one international match a year. This is doubtful however. It appears Menotti asked for £30,000 signing fee, £2,000 a month, the usual match bonuses earned by players and that the FA pay his taxes. All this was estimated at a total cost to the FA of between £5,000 and £6,000 a month.

The main candidates to replace Menotti were Carlos Griguol (FC Oeste), Bilardo of Estudiantes de la Plata and Jose Varacka (Loma Negra and Huracen until a short time ago).

But with Estudiantes taking over at the top of the first division lately it is Bilardo who appears to have the job sewn up — an interesting choice, bearing in mind his background.

Bilardo, a 41-year-old doctor, was one of the key men of the notorious Estudiantes side who dominated South American club football in the late 1960s and caused mayhem in their World Club finals against Manchester United, Milan and Feyenoord in 1968, 1969 and 1970.



Will Argentina step back towards that bleak era, after all Menotti's work to clean up their international image? The game waits to see. Certainly Bilardo had already apparently told the FA that he wants three former teammates as aides — Carlos Pachame (nicknamed Rasputin), Raul Madero (now club doctor to Boca Juniors) and Roberto Rogel.

Argentine football begins again — but Menotti's contribution will not be forgotten.

● *BARCELONA beat Aston Villa 1-0 in the first leg of the European Super Cup, thanks to a goal from Marcos.*

● *ROBERT HERBIN, long-time coach of Saint-Etienne, has been relieved of his duties in the latest shock at the crisis-torn French club.*

● *GARRINCHA, one of the game's greatest-ever players, has died in Rio de Janeiro, aged 49. Real name Manoel Francisco dos Santos, he was a key figure at outside right in Brazil's World Cup victories of 1958 and 1962.*

● *RENE COURTE, 22 years with FIFA and for much of that time Assistant General Secretary and Press Chief, has been dismissed.*

The reasons remain obscure and even Courte, a 57 year old from Luxembourg, professes himself in the dark – publicly at least.

His departure is the second major change in FIFA officialdom in the last two years and follows the replacement of Helmut Kaeser as General Secretary by Sepp Blatter.

The move was not a surprise within FIFA circles for the word has been out for several months that long-term FIFA clients should not feel themselves bound to deal through Courte anymore.

A personality clash with President Joao Havelange is one possibility but there is no doubt that Courte had proved extremely unpopular with the Latin element of FIFA's membership and took a great deal of stick during the World Cup Finals last year, frequently for things which were not always his fault.

How FIFA replace Courte is an interesting question, given the ever-increasing importance of media relations in the business of selling football in general and the World Cup in particular.

It would appear too hefty a task even for the efficient Blatter to take on as well.

Cover picture

. . . action from the World Club Cup final in Tokyo in December, with Peñarol's Walkir Silva holding off a challenge from Aston Villa's Des Bremner. For more about Peñarol, see the Club Focus on pages 10 and 11.

Other main features this month: International Review of '82 on pp 4-7; Brian Glanville, pp 8-9; Player portrait on Fernando Morena, p10; the 'new' Yugoslavia, p15; Farewell to Darasella, p17; Benfica's record run, p19; Memory Lane p25; Diary, pp 26-27; European news, pp 28-37; Africa reports, pp 38-39; Results and tables, pp 41-43 and 46.

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England on top

Eric Batty reviews the year's internationals in Europe

THE YEAR 1982 was something of an event for never before, since I started doing this feature for *World Soccer*, has England ever topped the European results table.

During the year England even won eight consecutive games but for all Mr Greenwood's record of won eight and drawn two without defeat, all they had to show for it was the British championship.

Then, of course, after the World Cup, Bobby Robson took over what was in fact rather an old team and under him England won two, drew one and lost one.

Robson has a rather difficult task for he has to experiment and build a new, younger team, hopefully for the 1984 European Championship finals and the 1986 World Cup.

He must be given the right to experiment, and from time to time, that will lead to reverses, particularly away from home. But this is the price that has to be paid.

As I have so often stated, the critics rave about England when they win, frequently claiming they are back on top of the world, though that has not been so common lately, and then want the manager sacked when a couple of results don't go the right way.

In fact, any national team manager's job is a thankless task, but the England one particularly so. First he is given practically no time to coach the players because league fixtures get precedence and of course he finds his squads decimated by injuries sustained in league games, often just three days before England play.

Many people in England are anxious to persuade the Football League to reduce the number of First Division clubs from 22 to 18, citing the West Germans as their example.

Yet, I am sure it will surprise even these advocates that right now the German FA is considering a plea from their manager Jupp Derwall to reduce the *Bundesliga 1* to 16 clubs from 18!

Yet, the thing that would worry me most if I were the England manager is the fact not too many clubs are training and coaching their players the right way. English clubs prepare their players for English League games and at top level, international football is a very different game.

England have never yet shown that they know how to penetrate a well organised defence with regularity, and in my opinion Robson should be given 10 clear days with his players before each game.

This could be done by bringing fixtures forward into midweek or playing them later . . . or extending the league campaign into May and even June if necessary . . . as many countries like Spain and Italy do.

Mention of Italy, current holders of the World Cup, brings to mind my thoughts that they won their gold pot in what I would term a two-week 'purple patch' from Paolo Rossi.

Looking at the year overall, Italy rank only 13th in the table and it seems clear to me that in the land where the Lire counts, they simply do not have any goalscoring forwards. Even Rossi has struggled for league goals this season, but his fabulous fortnight in Spain was enough to turn the World Cup in Italy's favour and earn him the coveted European Footballer of the Year award.

Just how remarkable was Italy's achievement is underlined by their record both before and after that 'purple patch'.

Before the World Cup Italy lost 0-2 to France and 0-1 to East Germany and could only draw 1-1 away to Switzerland. Then in their first three World Cup matches they drew 0-0 with Poland; 1-1 with Peru, and 1-1 with Cameroon. Other countries failed to reach Round Two with three points but Italy did and went on to win with four consecutive victories over Argentina, Brazil, Poland and West Germany.

Then after those four games won Italy the gold pot, they played only three matches and failed to get a win. At home to Switzerland in a friendly they lost 0-1; and then at home each time in European Championship matches, Enzo Bearzot's men could only draw 2-2 with Czechoslovakia and 0-0 with Romania.

My opinion is that it all goes to prove that defences are on top, and the teams that have goal scorers who can do it on the big occasion are the most likely to succeed.

Russia are an excellent example of this for in players like Shengelia, Chivadze and Blokhin they have finally produced world

ALBANIA

A	Austria	L 0-5
A	Turkey	L 0-1
H	N. Ireland	D 0-0

AUSTRIA

A	Hungary	W 3-2
H	Czechoslovakia	W 2-1
H	Denmark	W 1-0
A	Chile	W 1-0
A	Algeria	W 2-0
A	W. Germany	L 0-1
A	France	L 0-1
A	N. Ireland	D 2-2
H	Albania	W 5-0
H	N. Ireland	W 2-0
H	Turkey	W 4-0

BELGIUM

H	Romania	W 4-1
H	Bulgaria	W 2-1
A	Denmark	L 0-1
A	Argentina	W 1-0
A	El Salvador	W 1-0
A	Hungary	D 1-1
A	Poland	L 0-3
A	Russia	L 0-1
H	Switzerland	W 3-0
A	W. Germany	D 0-0
H	Scotland	W 3-2

BULGARIA

H	Romania	L 1-2
A	Belgium	L 1-2
A	Argentina	L 1-2
A	France	D 0-0
A	Switzerland	L 2-3
H	E. Germany	D 2-2
H	Malta	W 7-0
H	Norway	D 2-2
H	Yugoslavia	L 0-1

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A	Brazil	D 1-1
A	Argentina	D 0-0
H	Greece	W 2-1
A	W. Germany	L 1-2
A	Austria	L 1-2
A	Kuwait	D 1-1
A	England	L 0-2
A	France	D 1-1
H	Sweden	D 2-2
A	Denmark	W 3-1
A	Italy	D 2-2

CYPRUS

A	Romania	L 1-3
H	Greece	D 1-1
H	Sweden	L 0-1
A	Greece	L 0-1

DENMARK

H	Sweden	D 1-1
A	Austria	L 0-1
H	Belgium	W 1-0
A	Norway	L 1-2
H	Finland	W 3-2
A	Romania	L 0-1
H	England	D 2-2
H	Czechoslovakia	L 1-3
A	Luxembourg	W 2-1

EIRE

A	Algeria	L 0-2
A	Chile	L 0-1
A	Brazil	L 0-7
A	Holland	L 1-2
H	Iceland	W 2-0
H	Spain	D 3-3

ENGLAND

H	N. Ireland	W 4-0
A	Wales	W 1-0
H	Holland	W 2-0
A	Scotland	W 1-0
A	Finland	W 4-1
A	France	W 3-1
A	Czechoslovakia	W 2-0
A	Kuwait	W 1-0
A	W. Germany	D 0-0
A	Spain	D 0-0
A	Denmark	D 2-2
H	W. Germany	L 1-2
A	Greece	W 3-0
H	Luxembourg	W 9-0

FINLAND

A	Norway	D 1-1
H	England	L 1-4
A	Denmark	L 2-3
H	Poland	L 2-3
H	Portugal	L 0-2
A	Russia	L 0-2

FRANCE

H	Italy	W 2-0
H	N. Ireland	W 4-0
H	Peru	L 0-1
H	Bulgaria	D 0-0
H	Wales	L 0-1
A	England	L 1-3
A	Kuwait	W 4-1
A	Czechoslovakia	D 1-1
A	Austria	W 1-0
A	N. Ireland	W 4-1
A	W. Germany	D 3-3
A	Poland	L 2-3
H	Poland	L 0-4
H	Hungary	W 1-0
A	Holland	W 2-1

GERMANY, East

A	Brazil	L 1-3
A	Greece	W 1-0
H	Italy	W 1-0
A	Russia	L 0-1
A	Sweden	D 2-2
A	Iceland	W 1-0
A	Bulgaria	D 2-2
A	Scotland	L 0-2

GERMANY, West

H	Portugal	W 3-1
A	Brazil	L 0-1
A	Argentina	D 1-1
H	Czechoslovakia	W 2-1
A	Norway	W 4-2
A	Algeria	L 1-2
A	Chile	W 4-1
A	Austria	W 1-0
A	England	D 0-0
A	Spain	W 2-1
A	France	D 3-3
A	Italy	L 1-3
H	Belgium	D 0-0
A	England	W 2-1
A	N. Ireland	L 0-1

GREECE

H	Portugal	L 1-2
H	E. Germany	L 0-1
H	Russia	L 0-2
A	Czechoslovakia	L 1-2
A	Holland	L 0-1
A	Luxembourg	W 2-0
A	Cyprus	D 1-1
H	England	L 0-3
H	Switzerland	L 1-3
H	Cyprus	W 1-0

HOLLAND

A	Scotland	L 1-2
H	Greece	W 1-0
A	England	L 0-2
A	Iceland	D 1-1
H	Eire	W 2-1
H	France	L 1-2
A	Malta	W 6-0

1982

class men, and their overall 1982 record is an excellent won five, drawn four, lost only one.

But the plain fact is that Oleg Blokhin & Co. did not do it on the big occasion in Spain, and as a result the Russians not only went home disappointed but manager Konstantin Beskov was dismissed.

My feeling is that the Russians lack motivation and there is little they can do about that. But until they overcome this problem they are unlikely to achieve anything of note, whoever is their boss.

My personal rosette for 1982 goes to little Norway, with Northern Ireland as very close runners-up. The Ulstermen won only two games from the 12 they played, but they did it when it counted — in Spain.

But in my view the achievement of Norway is even better, given their tiny population and severe winter. Won three, drawn two, lost two, is Norway's tally for the year. They beat England of course in 1981, and now victories over Denmark, Sweden and Yugoslavia, plus an away draw for one European Championship point 2-2 in Bulgaria, underline their progress.

Finally, a word about France. I enjoyed the football they produced in the World Cup, and think now that manager Michel Hidalgo made a mistake in turning out some more physical players against England, when they were beaten in Bilbao.

My view is that their clever little midfield men would have cut England to pieces and he should have played the lot of them.

Tactically, if France, or anyone else has six or seven midfield players as good as Platini, Giresse, Tigana etc, then I would play the lot and not field any forwards . . . for they have no natural goalscorer at the moment. With such players breaking forward in bunches; beating men, feinting, weaving and carving clever little patterns to get the ball forward they not only entertain but make it pay.

Finally my assessment of the year for the figures do not tell the whole truth.

In my opinion there are precious few teams really worth going far to see, and the pick of what I saw in 1982 were Brazil . . . ahead by a considerable margin, and France.

For the rest, like Italy, West Germany, England, Russia, they all depend on their key forwards playing at their best when it counts. But there are so few really top quality forwards about that it seems clear to me that the tactical game, defend and counter-attack is going to stay with us for some time yet, and that cannot be good for the future of football with clubs needing to entertain to bring in the crowds. The fans everywhere will only pay in large numbers to watch good players, playing good attacking football *and* winning. And there are very few teams, club or country who can do that.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS TABLE FOR EUROPE, 1982

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	% success
ENGLAND	14	10	3	1	33	6	82.1
Austria	11	8	1	2	22	7	77.2
Russia	10	5	4	1	14	6	70.0
Switzerland	10	6	2	2	14	11	70.0
Poland	10	5	3	2	19	9	65.0
Belgium	11	6	2	3	15	10	63.6
West Germany	15	7	4	4	24	18	60.0
Spain	10	4	4	2	14	9	60.0
Romania	13	6	3	4	19	14	57.7
Norway	7	3	2	2	11	10	57.1
Wales	7	3	2	2	10	7	57.1
France	15	7	3	5	25	19	56.6
Italy	13	4	6	3	15	13	53.8
Holland	7	3	1	3	12	8	50.0
Yugoslavia	6	2	2	2	8	9	50.0
Hungary	9	4	1	4	24	14	50.0
Portugal	6	3	0	3	9	10	50.0
East Germany	8	3	2	3	8	10	50.0
Czechoslovakia	11	2	6	3	14	15	45.4
Scotland	11	4	2	5	16	19	45.4
Denmark	9	3	2	4	11	13	44.4
Sweden	7	1	4	2	7	9	42.0
N. Ireland	12	2	5	5	7	21	37.5
Malta	3	1	0	2	2	14	33.3
Turkey	3	1	0	2	1	9	33.3
Bulgaria	9	1	3	5	16	14	27.7
Eire	6	1	1	4	6	15	25.0
Greece	10	2	1	7	7	15	25.0
Iceland	6	0	2	4	3	8	16.6
Albania	3	0	1	2	0	6	16.6
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	2	6	12.5
Finland	6	0	1	5	6	15	8.3
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	13	0.0

HUNGARY

A New Zealand	W 2-1
A New Zealand	W 2-1
H Austria	L 2-3
H Peru	L 1-2
A El Salvador	W 10-1
A Argentina	L 1-4
A Belgium	D 1-1
A France	L 0-1
H Turkey	W 5-0

ICELAND

H England	D 1-1
A Malta	L 1-2
H Holland	D 1-1
H E. Germany	L 0-1
A Eire	L 0-2
A Spain	L 0-1

IRELAND, North

A England	L 0-4
A France	L 0-4
H Scotland	D 1-1
A Wales	L 0-3
A Yugoslavia	D 0-0
A Honduras	D 1-1
A Spain	W 1-0
A Austria	D 2-2
A France	L 1-4
A Austria	L 0-2
H W. Germany	W 1-0
A Albania	D 0-0

ITALY

A France	L 0-2
A E. Germany	L 0-1
A Switzerland	D 1-1
A Poland	D 0-0
A Peru	D 1-1
A Cameroon	D 1-1
A Argentina	W 2-1
A Brazil	W 3-2
A Poland	W 2-0
A W. Germany	W 3-1
H Switzerland	L 0-1
H Czechoslovakia	D 2-2
H Romania	D 0-0

LUXEMBOURG

H Greece	L 0-2
H Denmark	L 1-2
A England	L 0-9

MALTA

H Iceland	W 2-1
A Bulgaria	L 0-7
A Holland	L 0-6

NORWAY

H Finland	D 1-1
H W. Germany	L 2-4
H Denmark	W 2-1
H Sweden	W 1-0
A Wales	L 0-1
H Yugoslavia	W 3-1
A Bulgaria	D 2-2

POLAND

A Italy	D 0-0
A Cameroon	D 0-0
A Peru	W 5-1
A Belgium	W 3-0
A Russia	D 0-0
A Italy	L 0-2
A France	W 3-2
A France	W 4-0
A Finland	W 3-2
A Portugal	L 1-2

PORTUGAL

A Greece	W 2-1
A W. Germany	L 1-3
A Switzerland	L 1-2
A Brazil	L 1-3
A Finland	W 2-0
H Poland	W 2-1

ROMANIA

A El Salvador	L 1-2
A Honduras	D 0-0
A Honduras	D 1-1
A Belgium	L 1-4
A Bulgaria	W 2-1
H Cyprus	W 3-1
A Argentina	L 0-1
A Peru	L 0-2
A Chile	W 3-2
H Japan	W 4-0
H Denmark	W 1-0
H Sweden	W 2-0
A Italy	D 0-0

RUSSIA

A Greece	W 2-0
A Argentina	D 1-1
H E. Germany	W 1-0
A Sweden	D 1-1
A Brazil	L 1-2
A New Zealand	W 3-0
A Scotland	D 2-2
A Belgium	W 1-0
A Poland	D 0-0
H Finland	W 2-0

SCOTLAND

A Spain	L 0-3
H Holland	W 2-1
A N. Ireland	D 1-1
H Wales	W 1-0
H England	L 0-1
A New Zealand	W 5-2
A Brazil	L 1-4
A Russia	D 2-2
H East Germany	W 2-0
A Switzerland	L 0-2
A Belgium	L 2-3

SPAIN

H Scotland	W 3-0
H Wales	D 1-1
H Switzerland	W 2-0
H Honduras	D 1-1
H Yugoslavia	W 2-1
H N. Ireland	L 0-1
H W. Germany	L 1-2
H England	D 0-0
H Iceland	W 1-0
A Eire	D 3-3

SWEDEN

A Denmark	D 1-1
H E. Germany	D 2-2
H Russia	D 1-1
A Norway	L 0-1
A Romania	L 0-2
A Czechoslovakia	D 2-2
A Cyprus	W 1-0

SWITZERLAND

A Leichtenstein	W 1-0
H Portugal	W 2-1
A Spain	L 0-2
A Brazil	D 1-1
H Italy	D 1-1
H Bulgaria	W 3-2
A Belgium	L 0-3
A Italy	W 1-0
H Scotland	W 2-0
A Greece	W 3-1

TURKEY

A Hungary	L 0-5
H Albania	W 1-0
A Austria	L 0-4

WALES

A Spain	D 1-1
H England	L 0-1
A Scotland	L 0-1
H N. Ireland	W 3-0
A France	W 1-0
H Norway	W 1-0
A Yugoslavia	D 4-4

YUGOSLAVIA

A N. Ireland	D 0-0
A Spain	L 1-2
A Honduras	W 1-0
A Norway	L 1-3
A Bulgaria	W 1-0
H Wales	D 4-4

1982 WORLD CUP DOMINATES

Eric Weil and Rob Pateman review South America and Africa's internationals

ACTIVITY of South American national teams was entirely confined to the four which took part in the World Cup finals in Spain — Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Chile — who played 18 warm-up games before going to Spain and 15 in the finals, a total of 33 matches.

There was no more international activity for the rest of the year. A lot has already been written about these teams and none of them really came up to expectations in Spain with the possible exception of Peru from whom possibly only their own most fervent fans expected more.

Apart from the World Cup, only one country played full international matches abroad — Peru, who showed up well in drawing 1-1 with Algeria and beating France 1-0, but they did not repeat these performances in Spain.

Earlier, Uruguay sent a team to play in the Nehru Cup in India, but although it was quite a strong team, these matches were not full internationals. Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Colombia and Paraguay also saw no international action at all during the year.

Over all there seems no doubt that Brazil were once again the best team on the continent . . . and they played the best soccer. Their only defeat of the year was the vital one and it knocked them out of the World Cup — 3-2 by Italy who went on to win the trophy, but there are those who believe Brazil would not have lost if they had speculated more instead of sticking to their entertaining attacking style.

Argentina, who lost their world title during the year, only once showed the class with which they won it in 10 games . . . not in any of their warm-up matches at home, but in beating Hungary 4-1 in the World Cup to stay alive in their first round group.

Eight European national teams came to the continent for warm-up games prior to the World Cup — Czechoslovakia, West Germany, Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland and the Irish Republic — to play a total of 13 games. The best of the bunch were West Germany and their 1-0 defeat in Brazil and 1-1 draw in Argentina were the outstanding events of the 1982 local international scene although they had several injured players absent, notably Rummenige.

One match now deleted from the calender for 1983 is Argentina v England in Buenos Aires in July which was fixed long before the Falklands conflict as a return match to the one Argentina played at Wembley in 1980. One big stumbling block was the 100,000 dollars which the Argentine FA were due to pay for it under contract (as they received the same sum when they played at Wembley). With the current high dollar exchange rate locally, such a match would be a financial burden and it was no surprise when the match fell through — on "secruity" grounds.

1982 STATISTICS

	Home					Away					Total				%
	P	W	D	L	goals	W	D	L	goals	W	D	L	goals		
BRAZIL	11	4	2	–	16-4	4	–	1	15-7	8	2	1	31-11	82	
PERU	8	2	–	–	3-0	1	3	2	4-8	3	3	2	7-8	56	
ARGENTINA	10	2	3	–	5-3	2	–	3	9-7	4	3	3	14-10	55	
CHILE	7	2	–	1	5-4	–	–	4	3-9	2	–	5	8-13	29	

SOUTH AMERICA'S FULL INTERNATIONALS IN 1982

January: Brazil 3 East Germany 1.

March: Brazil 1 Czechoslovakia 1; Argentina 0 Czechoslovakia 0; Brazil 1 West Germany 0; Argentina 1 West Germany 1; Chile 2 Peru 1; Peru 1 Chile 0.

April: Argentina 1 Soviet Union 1; Algeria 1 Peru 1; France 0 Peru 1.

May: Argentina 2 Bulgaria 1; Brazil 3 Portugal 1; Argentina 1 Romania 0; Peru 2 Romania 0; Chile 2 Romania 3; Brazil 1 Switzerland 1; Chile 1 Irish Republic 0; Brazil 7 Irish Republic 0.

June (all in World Cup): Belgium 1 Argentina 0; Soviet Union 1 Brazil 2; Cameroon 0 Peru 0; Austria 1 Chile 0; Scotland 1 Brazil 4; Italy 1 Peru 1; Hungary 1 Argentina 4; West Germany 4 Chile 1; Poland 5 Peru 1; El Salvador 0 Argentina 2; New Zealand 0 Brazil 4; Algeria 3 Chile 2.

July (all World Cup): Italy 2 Argentina 1; Brazil (a) 3 Argentina 2; Italy 3 Brazil 2.

Algeria and Cameroons delight continent

AS THE African football season begins to wind down for the December to January slack period it is a good opportunity to glance back and access what kind of year 1982 has been.

Obviously the World Cup was the most important competition and the whole continent were delighted with Algeria and Cameroons.

The various African nations might not always see eye to eye on matters but they do like to see Africa triumph over outsiders, particularly the affluent west.

Therefore Cameroons' draw with Italy and Algeria's magnificent win over West Germany were celebrated throughout the length of the continent. When all the fuss had died down a few lone voices did begin to question how the results were achieved, and the Cameroons particularly were described as playing 'non-African' football.

Indeed they did tend to pack their midfield, often leaving the excellent Miller desperately short of support, and there was little sign of players taking men on and beating them or, with the exception of Kunde's rather predictable free kicks of the deadly long range shooting that had been the trade mark of the Portuguese Africans of the 60's. In short Cameroon went to Europe and played like Europeans. The results were excellent but the methods were disappointing.

Still there is no doubt that the African results in Spain were far better than anybody excepted but we must wait to see if this is the start of a new golden age. Progress seldom happens in straight lines, for example North Koreas results in the '66 Cup hardly proved to be the start of a new era for Asian football.

Yet at the moment there are three, maybe four African sides which could hold their own against good European opposition and it would be nice to see one of these teams invited to Europe for a full international.

I am sure the prospect of Cameroon playing at Wembley would attract a big a crowd as yet another match against Rumania or Bulgaria.

I doubt if it will happen though, if the Cameroons do get an invitation to England it will probably be to do a tour of the third division grounds where they will be lucky to draw more than a couple of thousand spectators or less.

It will be noted that most of the top African footballing powers come from either West Africa or north of the Sahara with East Africa very much a poor relation. However this year I believe I saw an East African side that could challenge for the major continental honours, it wasn't the East African champions Kenya but third placed Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe has, of course, only returned to international soccer since Independance in 1980. Then they had a ridiculous internal argument when their two top club sides failed to turn up for a league match and life bans were given out here there and everywhere.

As is usually the case in Africa a few apologies brought everybody a pardon but it did not help the young teams progress and certainly Ndunduma, the wonder boy at the time, never seemed to regain his form.

However in Uganda this year the Zimbabwe side showed a flare and level of skill that was quite exciting. Zimbabwe just might be a good bet for one of Africa's places in the '84 Olympics, providing of course that the new government can maintain law and order and the whole country dosen't dissolve into chaos and violence.

When talking about football in Africa it's always worth remembering that few of these countries enjoy the stability or wealth of Europe and for this reason I was pleased to see Uganda, that most beautiful of countries which has suffered terribly in recent years, stage the East African Championship so successfully.

As for 1982 I would rank the leading African nations in this order, based purely on their results over the twelve month period.

1st Ghana

The African Nation Cup Winners for the fourth time, a performance that in my opinion ranked them above either Cameroon or Algeria.

In fact the 'Black Stars' meet both of these sides in Libya and by all accounts were unlucky only to draw with Cameroon and a little fortunate in their victory over Algeria.

The national team also took the runners up spot in the Pestabola Meredka tournament a result which included a win over the highly regarded South Korean side. Add to this Sekondi's success in the West African Cup and Asante reaching the African Cup Final and you will see what a fine year it has been for Ghana.

2nd Algeria

RANKED second mainly on their World Cup performances although they played well in Libya without several of their professional stars and were leading 2-1 in the 89th minute of the semi-final before Essien scored the equalising goal for Ghana.

Two of their club sides, R.S. Kouba in the African Cup and Union Sportive in the Cup Winners Cup got through to the quarter final stage but above all there was that 2-1 victory over West Germany.

3rd Cameroons

THREE draws in the World Cup against top opposition, including the eventual World Champions, speaks for itself and on a dozen occasions the width of the post was all that stopped them making the second round.

Libya and the African Nations Cup was more disappointing with the team not playing well and failing to reach the semi-finals. One must wonder how Cameroons will manage in next years Olympic qualifying rounds if their growing number of professionals, which now include N'Kono are not realised.

4th Egypt

IN fourth place I would rank Egypt. They refused to go to Libya for political reasons, it was a fight between Libyan and Egyptian players that all but ruined the 1978 African Games, so we didn't see their national team in a major competition.

However their club sides performed magnificently and demonstrated that Egyptian football is probably the most technically advanced in Africa and El Ahly particularly could hold their own in most European first divisions.

5th Zambia

THE most surprising side of 1982.

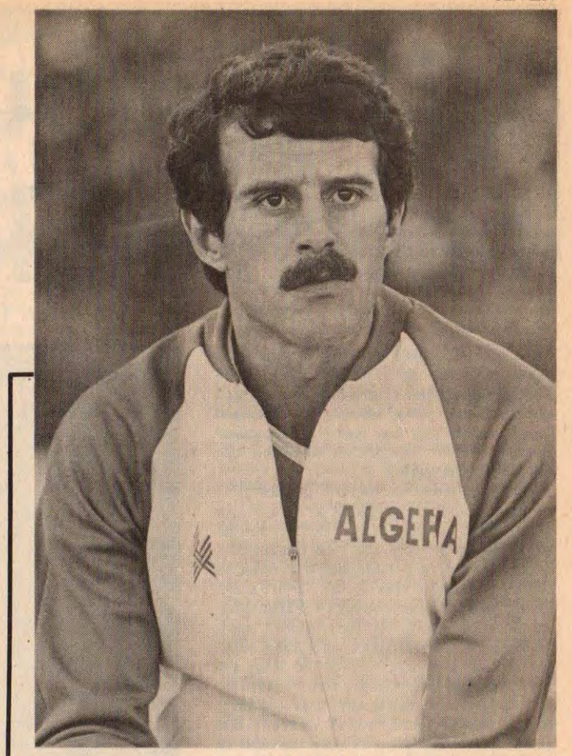
They were excellent in Libya in their 3-0 victory over Nigeria and were a trifle unlucky to lose to the home side in the semi finals but finished third.

Their greatest triumph however came later in the year when they won the four sided competition for the A.F.C. Silver Jubilee trophy against Ghana, Algeria and Egypt. In addition the core of the national team took Power Dynamo to the Cup Winners Cup final.

6th Libya

AN awful lot of oil money has gone into promoting sport in Libya and General Gaddafi seems to see having a successful football side as an important part of the developing countries new image.

Libya certainly came close to winning the Nations Cup, they finally lost on penalties, but it is difficult to access how much that second place was really worth for the home nation, particularly in front of robust African crowds, are always at an advantage.



Ali Fergani of Algeria.

Never the less the standard of play in the country is improving rapidly and Fawzi Issawi and winger Elmajdoub looked impressive.

7th Morocco

MOROCCO came within one step of reaching their second World Cup Finals, but losing to Cameroon knocked the heart out of the side and resulted in a under par performance in Libya.

Never the less the country that were the first to represent Africa in a modern World Cup continue to remain a major force on the continent.

8th Nigeria

A season that started so promising ended in chaos with the whole sporting structure of the country being disbanned, a direct result of the National teams' poor results and proof that oil money alone can't buy results.

However it is perhaps too easy to look on the dull side for Nigeria did provide some creditable performances, particularly in reaching the last four of the World Cup qualifying tournament. Engu Rangers were semi finalists in the African Cup while the growing number of Nigerians playing abroad is proof of the high level of individual skill to be found in the country.

9th Kenya

THE best of the East Africans in 1982.

They regained the East African Trophy by beating the home side, Uganda, on penalties while Leopards took the East African Club Championship.

Although neither the national team or club sides have made much impact in Continental championships there has been a general rise in standard and defender Ogollo and goalkeeper Abbas looked as good as any in Africa.

10th Uganda

A difficult choice. Zaire and Ivory Coast are traditional amongst Africas strongest nations but they did little in '82.

Ethiopia got to Libya but were out of their depth there so I would opt for Uganda who reached the final of the East African Cup only to lose out on penalties. Jimmy Kirunda, in his eighth year as captain was an excellent settling influence at the back of the team and their forwards, particularly the talented Sekatawa, looked very useful in the early matches.

FIFA should think aga back England's new ru

FIFA are of course perfectly within their rights to order the Football League and Football Association to step back into line and abolish the new ruling whereby "professional fouls" outside the box carry an automatic sending off: but I think they would be wise indeed to think again.

As I mentioned last month, the law is by no means uniformly applied; as indeed how could it be, referees being, despite certain suspicions to the contrary, only human. But it has made a vast, beneficial difference to the English game this season, and its evidence should have convinced FIFA that, rather than crush it, they should most seriously discuss implying it on a global basis.

Not that I expect any better from the egregious Joao Havelange, who, despite his war, and wonderful qualities as a human being, administrator, world traveller and public figure, has never evinced the slightest true feeling for football; though I am sure he feels very deeply and strongly indeed about water polo, which once he played. Buses, too, no doubt; he used to run those, and perhaps still does.

The news that if the new ruling is abolished Clive Thomas will resign did not, I must confess, ruin my breakfast, but for once that highly controversial figure is plumb bang right. Something has to be done to defend the game from itself and its more ruthless practitioners; most of whom, to be fair, are to be found outside the British Isles, not least in Spain.

That there are ambiguities, especially, over the position of the goalkeeper was clearly shown in a game I saw at Watford when Manchester United's Gary Bailey rushed out of his penalty area to handle, after Buchan's miscued back pass had exposed his goal. Bailey was lectured and allowed to stay on after a long consultation between referee and linesman. A few days later I saw a goalkeeper commit a painful and ruthless foul outside the box on an advancing forward. He stayed on, too, and a hundred times deserved to go off.

Perhaps where goalkeepers, and they alone, are concerned, the West German idea of a "sin bin", also turned down by FIFA, is worth implementing. To lose your keeper, not for the whole game but for at least a part of it, would have a salutary effect on such displeasing excesses, and a referee would thus be given, not only the reassurance that a keeper need not be banished for the whole of the game, but the possibility to differentiate between offences.

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TALKING of Watford, they seem to have been rumbled; but I am most happy that they are giving more than they generally receive.

It surprised me a great deal to receive a number of extremely peevish letters from Watford fans when I had criticised their performance at home to Manchester United; as though I had been, all season, among their several impassioned critics, rather than among those who wished them well.

Luther Blissett — "promising, exuberant but profligate" — gives Luxembourg's Johny Clemens a rare chance to catch up with him during the international at Wembley.

Perhaps this had something to do with the fact that my *Sunday Times* report, which was meant to end, facetiously, "as ye sow, so shall ye reep" (a reference to the inimitable Wing Commander Charles Reep, High Priest of the Long Ball) came out, in the event, "shall ye reap," which sounded pompous and condemnatory. As it transpired, relations between Reep and Watford are not, I understand, especially close; and that is to put it euphemistically.

Personally, I find the attempt to subject football to mathematical analysis and endless diagrams not only boring but irrelevant; just as I found the good Wing Commander's charts a massive bore in the *News Chronicle* of the 1950s, when he was trumpeting the virtues of that other long ball team, Wolverhampton Wanderers. If such tactics worked so superbly well, then why ever did Wolves' golden reign come to an end, and with it the reign of their manager, Mr. Stanley Cullis?

How well I remember sitting right in front of him one muddy Saturday at Luton (but then all Saturdays at Luton somehow contrive to seem muddy). "Here it comes," he'd say, in his extraordinary Black Country accent, scarcely mediated by all those years in Ellesmere Port. "The classical stuff. Tap-tap. Tap-tap." The scorn was bottomless. But "thump-thump" he said happily in the second half, when Wolves started banging the ball about; and won.

I do not think Watford have sinned against the light; and I do still admire both them and their young manager, Graham Taylor, for what they have achieved: not least their extraordinary ability to pull excellent new young players out of the hat. I do not see their methods as a threat to the English game; both Manchester United, making mincemeat of their centre backs, and Liverpool, in the first half the week after, showed up their vulnerability. Whiteside and Stapleton sadly exposed the limitations of the twin stoppers, Sims and Bolton; even if the only goal of that game came from an awful

again and ruling

mistake by the veteran Pat Rice.

There is, however, the question of entrusting the England youth team to Graham Taylor which, on the face of it, does seem a strange one. I will not hear a word against Taylor. He has set up his stall and made his methods perfectly clear. If, under these circumstances, he is given the England youth team to prepare, that is the clear and absolute responsibility of the Football Association and those there who have made the appointment. They can hardly claim they did not know what he was about.

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I'VE never much liked the Nations Cup, and now I like it less than ever. Recent developments have taken me back to the time when that greatest of competitors Vittorio Pozzo, winner twice of the World Cup with Italy between the wars, complained to me that nowadays it seemed impossible to play any games at all without turning them into a tournament of some kind.

Particularly ironic in view of Italy's decline since the World Cup. The home defeat in Rome by Switzerland didn't matter very much, even if it was an anti-climax, coming as it did right on top of the congratulatory ceremonies with the President of the Republic Pertini, to celebrate the World Cup win. But the two meagre and unimpressive home draws against first the Czechs in Milan, then the Rumanians in Florence, could well cost Italy dear. To go on from there, however, as Zico has rather ill-naturedly done, to contest the validity of Italy's success in Spain is simply ludicrous.

The World Cup, like the Olympic games, comes up once every four years, and is the Blue Riband of its sport. The true hallmark of a great athlete is an Olympic gold medal. That is what separates the men from the boys, the Zatopeks and Coes and Kuces from the Ron Clarkes; runners who turned in one world record after another in the four intervening years, but could never "cut" it when it came to an Olympiad. Records come and records go, but Olympic golds are infinitely (unless you happen to be Jim Thorpe) durable.

When Zico spoke about Italy, it was through a mouthful of sour grapes. There were two very good reasons why Brazil did not beat Italy; defensive weakness and their own lack of finishing power. Plus, of course, the amazing opportunism of Paolo Rossi.

What Italy do or don't do in a secondary tournament such as the Nations Cup has, like the flowers that bloom in the Spring trala, nothing to do with the case, and Zico knows that perfectly well when he isn't being petulant.

Muscle stimulating drugs apart, footballers can scarcely be expected psychologically to

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gear themselves up for one tournament, so soon after another. When the Nations Cup began over 20 years ago, the British countries stood aside from it, and they were right. But they have weakened since, and while I admit that the Nations Cup finals of 1976 in Yugoslavia provided some of the finest football I have ever seen in my life, the new, enlarged, scarcely improved final tournament of 1980 produced some of the very worst; at least at international level.

This is not to write off the improvement of the England team under Bobby Robson, who came to his senses after the ingenious mistakes of his first two games. I still don't think a back four which includes the likes of Phil Neal and Alvin Martin can withstand a really fast, gifted, determined attack; look at what happened to Neal against Olsen in Copenhagen (or against Graziani in Turin or even, more recently and domestically, against young Walters at Villa Park). But the performance in Salonika was a sound one,. Glenn Hoddle, wisely, has not been banished from favour (he and his jewelled passes are bound to be needed in time), and the emergence of Gary Mabbutt, with his splendid brio and his fine temperament for the great occasion, has been an enormous bonus.

The presence of natural wing-halves such as Bryan Robson and Mabbutt in midfield, players who can win a ball then use it, has banished the danger of a powder puff midfield which allows the opposition free rein, the kind that Alf Ramsey for example presented to West Germany at Wembley in 1972, when Gunter Netzer was allowed to run riot.

Cyrille Regis, it seems to me, has had a pretty scurvy deal from Bobby Robson. He did well against West Germany in a bad team, yet Paul Mariner, never yet fully convincing as an international centre-forward, remains eternally in favour, and when Mariner drops out, the place goes to the promising, exuberant but profligate Blissett.

Tony Woodcock, fortunately, doesn't mind whom he plays with and has been doing a great deal better for England by and large than he has in League football with Arsenal. For myself, I would like to see him play side by side with Trevor Francis, with whom he has had some splendid games for England in the past; provided always that poor Trevor can stay fit enough, long enough to resume his place in the side.

Don Howe, Arsenal's coach, makes the interesting point that in some ways it was easier for Woodcock to play, in West Germany, against a sweeper defence, since when he made diagonal runs he was not so liable to find himself in offside positions. Woodcock likes to get the ball to feet and probably, as Howe says, misses the curious "comfort" of having a man to man marker close upon him.

His finishing against both Greece and pathetic Luxembourg was impressive, the pace is very much still there, and I could still envisage a combination with Francis and Hoddle which would be very fruitful, especially with plenty of the ball coming from Robson and Mabbutt.

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SOCCER, and its fans, intimately reflect the society around them. A national sport, it has national reference and relevance.

No reassuring them when you hear Liverpool supporters, on the way by train from New Street to Villa Park, sing that callous and repugnant chant, "Who's that lying on the runway?" making fun, of all brutalised and dehumanised things, of Manchester United's tragic air crash in Munich in 1958.

Perhaps the fact that it took place nigh on 25 years ago when most of those louts — and, to be just, the Brighton fans I heard singing the same chant on the tube to Wembley — were born may be offered in mitigation. Yet when you hear the Liverpudlians cheerfully singing, "Too many lived and not enough died," you wonder about the putrescent society that produced them.

Being somewhat older than they, I not only remember that horrible February day all too well; I remember a number of those poor young fellows, and some of the unlucky journalists, who died in Munich. The first I heard of the crash was when I met Jack Kelsey, then the Wales and Arsenal goalkeeper, in a publisher's office; I'd been "ghosting" his autobiography. He'd heard rumours, he said; there'd been something in the stop press. It sounded too unlikely and too horrible to be true.

Squelchy

But it *was* true, alas. That evening, by another chance, led me to a football ground, Queens Park Rangers, where my friend John Moynihan, author of *The Soccer Syndrome*, and I were allowed to plough round the squelchy track of a Tuesday evening. With us in the dressing room was a young, peripheral amateur player whose response to the event was to tell us repeatedly, and at enormous length, how well he had known Duncan Edwards.

Duncan died too, in the end, though he lingered for days on a kidney machine, while hopes were cruelly raised; and dashed. Tommy Taylor and Roger Byrne were among those killed at once; three of the best players in an England team soon to contest the World Cup. Some thought him the best they'd ever been. I suppose the very force and reverberation of the disaster are testified to by this revolting, tasteless song. But it does make you ask — in a country where old women now are almost daily robbed and beaten — what depths remain to be plumbed.

Chaos but Uruguay produce team of the year

OUT of the chaos of Uruguayan soccer . . . sidelined from the last two World Cup finals, suffering from an acute financial crisis because of low gates caused by lack of interest and a poor standard because many leading players have been sold abroad . . . comes South America's team of the year — Peñarol.

The Montevideo club, one of the oldest in South America and an almost regular contender in the Libertadores Cup, has a long history of success; but with the decline of Uruguayan soccer in the 70s Peñarol also slipped out of the international scene although it continued to win titles regularly at home.

Their numerous fans had been reared on better things, but few of them could believe their ears when they heard that club president Washington Cataldi was bringing back their former leading scorer, Fernando Morena, in the midst of their financial troubles, paying Spain's Valencia over a million dollars for him — in lengthy instalments still not completed — and the player $15,000 a month. This made Morena — already in the veteran stage at 31 — not only by far the costliest player in Uruguay, but also by far the biggest earner . . . but perhaps it was the spark that Peñarol needed to start on the way back to the top, although they had to reduce their playing and coaching staff to be able to pay Morena at all.

The first thing Morena did at Peñarol was to insist that they signed a new coach . . . and he picked him — 67-year-old Hugo Bagnulo who had once been in charge of the national team and who was well known for getting the best out of his players. Bagnulo, working with a small but mostly experienced staff of 20 players, rebuilt the team in his classical style — a safe goalkeeper, a hard-playing and tight defence, two destructive midfielders prepared to work hard and three agile and intelligent forwards. The results soon came, although Peñarol could never be complemented on playing pretty soccer.

Now Bagnulo has **Gustavo Fernandez** who was Uruguay's third choice goalkeeper during the 1981 "Mundialito" in Montevideo, is very safe and expert at cutting out centres. He did not let a goal through in Peñarol's first five Libertadores Cup games last year — against tough Brazilian opposition — until their semi-final place was assured.

In defence there is **Diogo**, the only flank defender who moves up well in attack and he has played some outstanding games recently; **Olivera**, a veteran international who is slowing down in the centre of defence, but makes up for it with experience and good positioning, as well as good heading — also in the opposing goal area after corners or free-kicks; **Guttierez**, the other first choice central defender who is also good in the air, safe and fast and **Morales**, another veteran international who is slowing down, defends his flank very well, but does not go up much now.

The first choice halves are **Saralegui** who is more defensive (and destructive), stops up one side of the field, runs a lot and has a good understanding with Diogo; **Bossio**, the team's outstanding newcomer (a junior international) who does the same as Seralegui on the other side. He never seems to tire in spite of covering a lot of ground in defence, but hardly ever moves up; **Jair**, a Brazilian from Internacional of Purto Alegre, does not mark anybody and waits for the ball to come to him, but he is dangerous when he has it with his creative flair, precision passing, bursts of speed and he starts most of the moves and takes the free-kicks which have to be watched. He has Zico's knack of hitting curving balls to deceive defensive walls and goalkeepers from any angle.

In front there is **Vargas**, a classical winger for fast counter-attacks and a scorer good with his head; **Morena**, a veteran international from the 1974 World Cup, a classical centre-forward who has often been blamed for not going into the area enough, but when he drops back he is more difficult to mark with the result that he was again this season's top scorer in the first division and the Libertadores Cup — he scored the only goal of the final in the last minute; **Ramos**, the tricky right-winger and star of Uruguay's "Mundialito" winning team, but injury has sidelined him a lot and he has an experienced reserve in **Silva**.

And they had no easy passage in this season's Libertadores Cup, having to knock out Brazil's Gremio and star-studded Sao Paulo in the first round group, then another Brazilian star team, title holders Flamengo, in the semi-finals and tough Cobreloa of Chile — the unluckiest team on the continent — in the final to make them South America's top club.

That is today . . . Over 91 years ago — on September 28, 1891 — a group of 118 employees of the British-owned Central Uruguay Railway founded the Central Uruguay Railway Cricket Club, but as the railway's central office and the club was situated in the Montevideo district of Peñarol, it soon became known by that name. The club's first president was an Englishman, Frank Hudson, and its first membership list was made up of 74 Englishmen, 45 Uruguayans and one German. Their first game of soccer was played the following year against the British School (Montevideo). Peñarol won 2-0 and from then success never left them.

In 1900, Peñarol and three other clubs — Albion FC, Uruguay FC and Deutscher FK — formed the Uruguayan FA and immediately the first championship was played which Peñarol won unbeaten. They retained the title the following year, but then their external rivals, Nacional, won it for two years. In fact these two clubs have won practically all the honours in Uruguay from the start right up to the present day. Of the 78 first division championships held so far, Peñarol has won 36 and Nacional 33, but their dominance has been even more complete since the introduction of professional soccer in 1933 since when Peñarol has won 25 and Nacional 22 of the 48 titles.

In 1905 Peñarol managed to win the title without conceding a goal. The club, which has always worn the same black and yellow striped shirts, inaugurated its stadium on the outskirts of Montevideo in 1916, but this is now used as a training camp, while all their games are played at the 75,000-capacity Centenario stadium which is shared with Nacional.

The year 1949 was another milestone of success for the club as they won their 26 league matches. Such famous players as Obdulio Varela, Alcides Ghiggia, Eduardo Hohberg, Omar Miguez, "Pepe" Schiafino, Roque Maspoli and Victor Rodriguez Andrade played in that brilliant team and a year later all except Hohberg (an Argentine) were to help Uruguay win the World Cup in Rio de Janeiro. Peñarol also supplied four players for Uruguay's previous World Cup win in the first tournament in Montevideo 20 years earlier.

Peñarol's best run was from 1958 to 1962 when they won the Uruguayan title five years in succession. Their worst period was back in the amateur days when they did not win a title for six years from 1911 to 1918. Peñarol's domestic success must however be kept in perspective, because apart from them and Nacional there are no other strong clubs in Uruguay, but at the same time they have also been very successful in international competition.

Partly to earn money to pay their expensive playing staff and partly to keep abreast of the latest tactics, Peñarol have made frequent trips abroad although they have been less frequent in the last few years. During many seasons they used to play as many matches abroad as at home.

PART OF LIBERTADORES CUP HISTORY

CONTINUING their series of "firsts", Peñarol was the first club to put its name on the Libertadores Cup (the South American club championship) in 1960, winning that inaugural tournament undefeated.

They failed to win the first Inter-Continental Cup (now Europe-South America Cup) when they lost the challenge matches for the "world title" against European Cup winners Real Madrid that year, but they retained the South American trophy the following year and this time added the Inter-Continental Cup to their trophies by beating Benfica after three games. Goncalves (centre-half), Cubilla, Spencer (an Ecuadorian who is all-time leading scorer in the Libertadores Cup), Sasia, Joya and Ledesma lined up in that excellent Peñarol team.

In 1966, Peñarol won the Libertadores Cup for the third time in a controversial final against Argentina's River Plate, winning the play-off 4-2 in extra time.

CLUB ATLETICO PEÑAROL

Founded: September 28, 1891 as the Central Uruguayan Railway Cricket Club; took the present name on December 13, 1913.

Colours: Black and yellow stripes, black shorts.

Stadium: Estadio Centenario (national stadium, 75,000 capacity).

World Club Cup: Winners 1961, 1966, 1982. Runners-up 1960.

Copa Libertadores (South American Club Cup): Winners: 1960, 1961, 1966, 1982. Runners-up: 1962, 1965, 1970.

Uruguayan championship: 1900, 1901, 1905, 1907, 1911, 1918, 1921, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982 (38 titles).

President: Washington Cataldi.

Coach: Hugo Bagnulo.

Captain: Walter Olivera.

THE PEÑAROL SQUAD

Name	*Position*	*Age*
Gustavo Fernandez	Goalkeeper	30
Carlos Arias	Goalkeeper	22
Miguel Falero	Defence	25
Nestor Montelongo	Defence	27
Nelson Gutierrez	Stopper	20
Walter Olivera (capt)	Centre back	30
Victor Diogo	Right back	24
Juan Vicente Morales	Left back/midfield	26
Miguel Bossio	Midfield	22
Mario Saralegui	Midfield	23
Jair Goncalves	Midfield	29
Ricardo Ortiz	Midfield	26
Daniel Rodriguez	Attack	16
Fernando Morena	Centre forward	30
Venancio Ramos	Outside left	23
Walkir Silva	Outside left	22
Ernesto Vargas	Outside right	21

by ERIC WEIL

Peñarol . . . just!

PEÑAROL, the Uruguayan club which has participated in almost every Libertadores Cup and won the trophy when it was first played for in 1960, took it for the fourth time this season . . . a minute before the end with the only goal scored in the two-leg final against Chile's Cobreloa.

Nothing great was expected from the finals between these two clubs who both thrive on tight defence, stopping the opposition from building up attacks and creating their own danger mostly from opportune counter-attacks with little build-up and everything went pretty much according to plan.

When Cobreloa managed to hold Peñarol 0-0 in Montevideo in the first leg, it was expected that the club which only joined the Chilean championship (second division) in 1977, gained promotion the same year, were first division vice-champions in 1978 and champions the next year and reached the Libertadores Cup final in 1981, would win the trophy for the first time.

But Peñarol, playing exactly the same type of away game for a draw, had a man with the vast experience of their veteran striker Fernando Morena, scorer of most of their goals who passed the 600 goals mark this season, who took one of his team's few chances to score in the last minute.

Cobreloa, who drew five of their six away games in the Cup, surprised Peñarol a bit in the away leg in Montevideo by fighting for midfield domination from the start to stop the Uruguayan team's attack build-up instead of just packing their defence. The Chilean halves managed to cut off Peñarol's organiser, the Brazilian Jair who could only show his exquisite touches occasionally. Winger Silva missed Peñarol's best chance when alone in front of goal after 23 minutes, but Cobreloa goalkeeper Wirth somehow managed to block his shot.

Peñarol were much more on top in the second half, but they battered into the tight Chilean defence to no avail as Cobreloa – clearly showing they would be happy with a draw – only occasionally launched feeble counter attacks which lacked danger.

Cobreloa went into all-out attack from the start in the second leg in Santiago – not quite their type of game – and they did have the cautious Peñarol defence in difficulties on a couple of occasions, but Fernandez made outstanding saves from Ruben Gomez and Merello within a couple of minutes. Peñarol's counter-attack did not function in the first half as Jair was again cut off from his forwards, but a tiring Cobreloa had their own attacks cut off in the second half and relied more and more on high balls into the box which brought little result.

Peñarol dominated for the last 25 minutes and had their best chance after 35 when Wirth could only parry out a shot from Ramos and Rodriguez failed to score from the rebound in front of any empty goal. In the final minutes Cobreloa attacked desperately for the winner, for once leaving their defence under-manned while Peñarol left their most dangerous strikers, Ramos and Morena, up and they created danger every time they touched the ball. In the final minute a defensive clearance from Diogo found Ramos who passed to Morena and the latter, tried a long shot on the run which found the corner of the net. There was no time left for Cobreloa even to attempt a fight-back.

Peñarol made the traditional tour with the cup around the field under a shower of bottles, stones and other objects from some 65,000 angry Chilean fans and amid the cheers of about 5,000 Uruguayans who made the journey to Santiago. Outside the stadium afterwards, things became nastier when home fans smashed up shop windows and attacked police who tried to stop them. In Montevideo meanwhile, thousands of cheering fans took to the streets, but things also became nasty when the cheering turned to chants against the government and ended in fighting with police and 300 arrests.

First goal for Peñarol in Tokyo by Jair from a free kick.

ACTION in Tokyo . . . a look at the high points of Peñarol's World Club Cup victory over Aston Villa in Tokyo. Peñarol won 2-0 with goals from Jair and Walkir Silva.

Aston Villa's squad in Tokyo.

Left: Peñarol forward Juan Vicente Morales lays on what proved to be the decisive goal for Walkir Silva. Right: Silva chases Mark Jones.

Left: The Peñarol squad with their trophy. Right: Peñeral midfield star Jair holds the key to a Toyota car presented to the best player in the World Club Championship Final.

Morena's goals vital but so is his influence

FERNANDO MORENA deserves more credit than just as a key goal-scorer — important as this has proved — in Peñarol's return to the peak of world football.

Uruguay's record goal-scorer is the man who persuaded the Peñarol directors that veteran Hugo Bagnulo was the ideal choice to guide the club back to World Club Cup glory.

Bagnulo, now 67, and a former national team manager, says he now wants to return to retirement. Whether Morena's persuasive tongue can change his mind remains to be seen. Certainly the powerful centre-forward could point to more than 600 reasons for wanting Bagnulo to stay on.

For it was during this past autumn that Morena showed the explosive return to form which took him past a career total of 600 goals. Ever a man for the occasion, Morena reached that figure with two goals against the club who discovered him as a teenager, River Plate of Montevideo.

The date was August 1, and River Plate were visitors in the historic Centenario stadium. Morena began the game on a total of 598 and moved to 599 when he converted a 54th-minute penalty, which beat his former Peñarol team-mate and goalkeeper, Walter Corbo, all ends up.

Goal No. 600 should have arrived six minutes later when Peñarol were awarded another penalty. But this time Morena missed and so it wasn't until two minutes from time that he shot in the all-important 600th.

Uruguayan football has seen some legendary forwards — Hector Scarone, Pedro Cea, Atilio Garcia (a naturalised Argentine who was Morena's predecessor as all-time record goal-scorer), Juan Hohberg, Alberto Spencer and Juan Schiaffino. But in terms of goals Morena is the greatest of all.

The surprise is that he's rarely reproduced that form for the national team. He made little impact in 1974 when Uruguay last reached the World Cup finals and over the past few years has never gone out of his way to show his enthusiasm for the famous "Celeste" shirt.

His club achievements speak for themselves, for Morena scored six of their 15 goals in the Libertadores first round and semi-final group — despite missing a penalty against River Plate of Argentina — and then grabbed the all-important winner in the final against Cobreloa.

That just added to the legend. For Morena has always been setting records. He has been top scorer in the Uruguayan league more than any other player, on seven occasions, and ran up a championship record of seven goals on one game against Huracan Buceo in 1978. In 1975 he totalled 34 league goals to overtake the 42-year-old record of 33 by Pedro Young — and then he improved the mark further to 36 goals in 1978. Soon after his return to Peñarol from Spain's Valencia in 1981 he overtook Garcia's league record of 209 goals.

Morena could have had more goals but for his odd record with penalties. That miss against River Plate in the Libertadores Cup wasn't a one-off. Back in 1975 Morena had two penalties saved by Pedro Zape, of Colombia, in a South American championship semi-final.

Uruguay won the game 1-0 thanks to a run-of-play goal from Morena, but since Colombia had won their home leg 3-0, the Uruguayans went out . . .

That must have been one of the moments when Morena wondered if he had made the right choice back in his teens, when he nearly entered the Roman Catholic priesthood. That he decided ultimately to prey on defenders, rather than pray for them, has at least kept thousands of souls happy!

From a boy, however, Morena was a fan not of Peñarol — the club with which his name will always be linked — but of their great rivals, Nacional. However, when it came to moving on up the ladder, having made his name originally as a winger with little River Plate, of Montevideo, it was Peñarol who won the race for his signature.

In two and a half seasons Morena had already scored 51 goals and earned a national team debut and Peñarol were not to be disappointed with the manner in which he fulfilled his potential. Peñarol won the championship four times before Morena left for Spain in 1979. But their dream of seeing their new superstar lead them back to glory in the Libertadores and World Club cups was never turned into reality. The nearest they came was in 1974 and 1976 when Peñarol were eliminated at the semi-final stage.

That Morena stayed with Peñarol so long was remarkable, for plenty of Spanish clubs wanted him, as well as several from Brazil and Argentina. The problem was that Peñarol owned only a part-share in their centre-forward who still belonged, in part, to little River Plate.

Peñarol desperately needed the cash a sale would bring, but it wasn't until Rayo Vallecano came along in 1979 that the offer was big enough to cover both their needs and River Plate's "cut".

Rayo are the third club in Madrid and had just won promotion to the Spanish first division for the first time in their history. Morena was to be their one star, their survival lifeline, and he lived up to all the trust by settling in quickly and ramming 20 goals in his opening season.

He was paid well for the job too, and Rayo couldn't afford to keep him because, despite his efforts, they were relegated. Valencia saw Morena as an ideal partner up front for Mario Kempes and snapped him up. But although Morena scored 39 goals for them in the next season in league, European tournament and other senior matches, he wasn't happy there.

That's why, a year ago, Morena returned home to Montevideo to rejoin Peñarol and wear once more the famous black and yellow stripes. Not that Peñarol could really afford him, now. They delayed paying the outstanding £200,000 instalment this past autumn for so long that Valencia complained to FIFA.

The International Federation suspended Morena until the clubs had sorted out their cash squabble and until Peñarol had obtained a major bank loan to clear the debt with Valencia. It was indicative of Morena's value, not only as a goal-scorer but as an inspirational figure, that while he was "resting", Peñarol lost their league unbeaten record, going down 1-0 to Rampla Juniors.

Peñarol then paid up — fast!

And, clearly, they haven't regretted it.

FERNANDO MORENA'S GOALS RECORD

Playing for . . .		
River Plate (Montevideo)	1969-1972	51
Peñarol	1972-1979	347
Rayo Vallecano (Spain)	1979-1980	20
Valencia	1980-1981	39
Peñarol	1981-1982	85
Uruguay	1972-1979	79
Other representative games	1970-1982	8
	Total	629

Fernando Morena, who passed the 600 goals mark in first-class soccer last season, pointing out something to his team-mates during training. The question at Peñarol is: who really gives the orders — Moreno or coach Bagnulo, who was signed at Moreno's insistence.

PERSONAL OPINION by Leslie Vernon

Marce Bossi of Luxembourg is penalised for a foul against Tony Woodcock and England skipper Bryan Robson agrees with the referee.

Quiz which leaves a new puzzle

THE excellent Hungarian sports daily, *Nepsport,* has a habit of conducting a new year poll amongst its contributors, asking some relevant questions concerning the game.

This year, they received answers from 17 different countries, and the responses varied from the humorous to the extremely provocative.

I propose to give my answers on the pages of *World Soccer,* as I think they might be of interest to our readers.

There were five questions, and the first one refers to international football — "What was the biggest surprise of 1982?"

For me the shock result of the year was Italy's victory in the World Cup. After their performances during the spring of the year, and even in the early stages of the Final, it was impossible to forecast the transformation.

They suddenly began to play against Argentina and Brazil, they beat Poland convincingly, and even the wasted penalty couldn't stop them beating W. Germany in the Final itself.

Other surprises include the good showing of the smaller countries, Algeria's success against W. Germany, N. Ireland's victory v Spain, the hosts, and Goteborg's UEFA-Cup triumph.

But I feel that all these one-off results were dwarfed by the overall triumph of Italy. It might have been well deserved, but for me, it was totally unexpected.

Question No. 2. "Which country will stage the 1986 World Cup?"

There is no easy answer to this, although I feel that Brazil must be regarded as favourites. Havelange will surely use his influence, and it is rumoured that Neuberger is in favour of Mexico.

Mexico have the facilities, but they last staged the tournament as recently as 1970, and FIFA do not like to favour one country quite as strongly as that.

Brazil would be the obvious choice if their Government would show more enthusiasm for the project. But they are not willing to spend money on improving communications between the various centres and stadia re-building.

The other candidates, USA and Canada, are quite unsuitable, because they are not really soccer-loving nations, and to change their artificial pitches into grass pitches would require a lot of money.

Mexico would be perhaps the best venue, but I feel that Brazil are still the favourites — if they are chosen, they will find the finance!

Question No. 3. "What would you do if you were elected FIFA President?"

I suppose they mean that one can become a football dictator with unlimited power. One of my colleagues said that he would immediately resign, but I am not sure whether that remark intended to criticise Havelange, or merely that he has no wish to change anything.

I would, on the other hand, reduce the field of World Cup Finalists to 16.

Although the smaller countries did well in Spain, I would rather give them the opportunity to shine in global qualifying matches than in the Finals. The '78 tournament was ideal, the '82 much too long, and in many cases, unfair.

We don't need farcical games like W. Germany v Austria, we don't like to see unbeaten teams eliminated like England were. My other reforms would concern the refereeing.

I would insist on much stricter control in international football, strong-arm methods paid rich dividends in Spain.

I would make time-wasting a much more serious offence, eliminate the 'professional foul' as it now is outlawed in England, make the goalkeeper stick to the rules when penalties are taken — most of them move before the ball is kicked.

There is a great deal wrong also with the World Cup draw, which is a pre-arranged, stage-managed affairs with an eye on the host country's interests, and usually it is very kind to West Germany (see Neuberger's influence!).

I would be more liberal with the amateur rules for the Olympic Games. It should cease to be a benefit tournament for the East European countries. Despite the great responsibility, it would be interesting to be President of FIFA, and I repeat, it would help the game greatly if the "real" President would use his power to strengthen the referees' power — the current fashion of anti-football turns away millions of spectators from the game.

Question Four. "Who is the best footballer in your country?" I knew that there was a Scottish journalist (Alex Gordon) on the panel, so I ignored the claims of Souness and Dalglish (he did pick Dalglish, and out of the home-based players, Strachan).

That still left me with a wide choice, and the first player I considered was David O'Leary, surely the best centre-back in Britain.

Kenny Sansom is the best full-back, and he is such a versatile player that he should be in anybody's World XI.

Of the midfielders, Bryan Robson was an obvious candidate, and if one goes for sheer class, there is always Glenn Hoddle. Up-front, Trevor Francis is the only class-player, and there are several others good enough to play for England, but not necessarily the best players in the country.

Finally, I settled on Peter Shilton! He is a truly world-class goalkeeper, in my book better than Zoff, Schumacher or Daseev, who are picked in preference to him in European polls.

Shilton hardly ever lets in a soft goal, he is acrobatic, reliable, and regards it a personal insult when a goal is scored against him. If you readers think otherwise, please let me know, but I rate Shilton as the best footballer in Britain.

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NEW LOOK FOR YUGOSLAVIA

by Keir Radnedge

THE GHOSTS have gone . . . now Yugoslavia can start again without the fans, and the latest young crop of internationals, looking over their shoulders.

The "ghosts" were Vladimir Petrovic and Dusan Savic of Red Star Belgrade, and Safet Susic of Sarajevo. They had been promised international clearance for transfers to the west immediately after the World Cup. Instead they had to wait until Chrismas.

But now they have moved on — Petrovic to Arsenal, Savic to Gijon (he scored a hat-trick against Velez to celebrate his last league match for Red Star) and Susic to Paris Saint-Germain.

Out of sight, out of mind. So new national manager Todor Velselinovic can get down to work with his rebuilt squad without having the nagging doubts about whether the "ghosts" should form part of his plans.

And, should his work prove slow to show results, there will be one less stick for the fans to beat him with.

That he has a big job in hand was demonstrated by the 4-4 draw with Wales in Titograd, in the European championship tie which ended the international year for the Slavs. But already Veselinovic, successor to Miljan Miljanic (now with Valencia) has rung the changes.

Only five members of the World Cup 22 remained in the squad of the same size which Veselinovic named in preparation for that hectic match against the Welsh. And only two players who actually played in Spain — full-back Stojkovic and midfielder Gudelj — are still in the team.

Veselinovic is 52. As a player he was an outside right with Vojvodina Novisad in the mid-1950s, finishing as the league's leading scorer on four occasions and playing in all four games as Yugoslavia reached the 1958 World Cup quarter finals in Sweden. Veselinovic scored 28 goals in 37 internationals and played around 500 games for Vojvodina before quitting to become a coach.

After an inauspicious start with Vojvodina he wandered the world working with success at Santa Fe in Colombia and Millionarios in Colombia, as well as in Greece and Spain. His international experience made him the obvious choice when it came to replacing Miljanic — even if he has has little success up to now — 'his' Yugoslavia losing 3-1 away to Norway, winning 1-0 in Bulgaria and being held 4-4, of course, at home by Wales.

Still, at least, Yugoslavia are playing as a team again!

Under Miljanic Yugoslavia played no full internationals before the World Cup because the then manager didn't think they were worthwhile without the contingent of exiles, who were unavailable for such games; and also because he didn't want to give any rivals' spies any ideas!

Yugoslavia's flop in Spain was a surprise, even despite this peculiar preparation, because the Slavs have produced possibly more outstanding footballers than any other continental nation. They have a proud history, even though the country came into existence only in 1919. In 1930 they were among the four European nations who made the long sea crossing to Uruguay for the inaugural World Cup finals and reached the semi-finals before losing 6-1 to hosts Uruguay after taking an early lead. They finished joint third with the United States, since there was then no third place match.

In 1950 Yugoslavia returned to the finals with a team bulging at the seams with men who would later earn hig reputations as coaches — among them Ivica Horvat, Zlatko Cajkovski, Bernard Vukes, Stjepan Bobek and Rajko Mitic. They beat Switzerland and Mexico, but then lost a decisive match 2-0 against hosts Brazil after Mitic cut his head on a steel girder as the teams ran down the tunnel before the game!

In 1954 the Slavs reached the quarter finals before losing 2-0 to West Germany, who also beat them — this time by 1-0 — at the same stage in 1958. In 1962 Yugoslavia turned the tables, however — beating the Germans 1-0 in the quarter finals and going on to finish fourth. They missed out in 1966 and 1970 and 1978, achieved little in 1974 and nothing in 1982!

The European championships have also seen Yugoslavia take a major role. They lost 2-1 to the Soviet Union in Paris in the first-ever final in 1960, and then lost 2-0 to Italy in a replayed final in Rome in 1968. They lost out to Spain, in a group which also contained Rumania and Cyprus, in the 1980 qualifiers, however.

THE PLAYERS

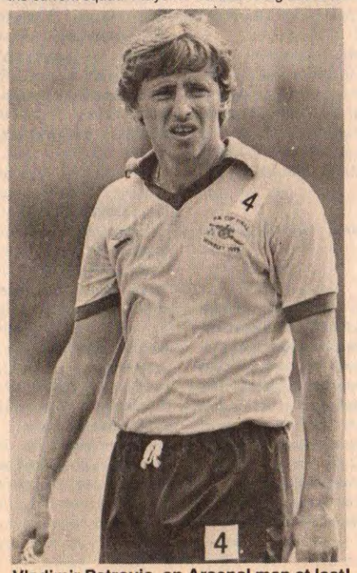
Manager Veselinovic named the following squad of 22 as the basis for his line-up against Wales:

RATKO SVILAR. Goalkeeper. Aged 32, with seven caps. Played originally for Vojvodina Novisad and was Yugoslavia's reserve goalkeeper in both the 1976 European finals and the 1982 World Cup finals. Svilar was granted a free transfer to the West in 1979 and appeared bound for Ajax Amsterdam. However his signing was vetoed by the Dutch players' union. He then joined Antwerp in Belgium, where he plays now. He is the only 'exile' in the current squad.

TOMISSAV IVKOVIC. Goalkeeper. Aged 26, with no caps. Plays for champions Dynamo Zagreb.

SLAVOLJUB NIKOLIC. Right-back. Aged 23, one cap — making his debut in the 1-0 away win over Bulgaria in Sofia. Plays for Radnicki Nis and was one of their successes on last season's run to the UEFA Cup semi-finals. Was then a midfielder.

NENAD STOJKOVIC. Left-back. Aged 26, with 24 caps — the most experienced international in the current squad. Plays for Partizen Belgrade and moved forward to head the only — winning — goal — against Bulgaria in Sofia. One of only five men from the World Cup finals squad still around in this 22. Was chosen for the European XI who played Italy in February 1981 to raise money for flood disaster victims. Played two of Yugoslavia's three games in Spain.



Vladimir Petrovic, an Arsenal man at last!

NIJAZ FERHATOVIC. Centre-back. Aged 25, with two caps — another player who made his debut for the national team against Bulgaria. Plays for Sarajevo — and had a disastrous game in their recent 6-1 beating by Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup third round, first leg, even putting through his own goal.

FARUK HADZIBEGIC. Centre-back. Aged 24, with three caps — all gained this season.

ACA TRIFUNOVIC. Defence/midfielder. Aged 27, with four caps. Made his international debut in 1978 but was then discarded until being recalled against Bulgaria. Plays for Partizan.

ZVEZDAN CVETKOVIC. Centre/right-back. Aged 26,with two caps — gained his first as substitute for Nikolic during the win over Bulgaria in Sofia. Plays for champions Dynamo Zagreb.

MILAN JOVIN. Centre/right-back. Aged 28,with three caps. Plays for Red Star Belgrade. Last played for the national team in 1979, the year he helped Red Star to the UEFA Cup Final (where they lost to Borussia Moenghengladbach).

BOSKO DJUROVSKI. Defender. Aged 24, with one cap, earned as substitute against Wales. Plays for Red Star Belgrade.

IVAN GUDELJ. Midfield. Aged 21, with 11 caps. Plays for Hajduk Split and is the new national team captain, leading them to victory against Bulgaria, the first time he wore the skipper's armband. Comes from the same village which produced former star defender Ivan Buljan as well as boxer Mate Parlov. A Hajduk youth discovery, he is a youth, and under-21 international, who captained Yugoslavia to one of their successes in the Monaco youth tournament.

MIODRAG JESIC. Midfield. Aged 24, with two caps — his first gained against Bulgaria. Plays for Partizan Belgrade.

ZLATKO KRANJCAR. Midfield/attack. Aged 27, with two caps, his first gained as two-goal substitute against Cyprus in November, 1979. Serious injury then interrupted his career and he has only just been recalled to the team against Wales. Plays for champions Dynamo Zagreb.

MEHMED BAZDAREVIC. Midfield. Aged 25, no caps. One of the eight uncapped players in the squad. Plays for Zeljeznicar Sarajevo.

ZVONKO ZIVKOVIC. Attack/Midfield. Aged 24, with two caps. Was a member of the World Cup 22 in Spain, but hadn't played in an international until he began the game against Bulgaria . . . and had to be substituted because of injury after only 17 minutes!

STJEPAN ('Stef') DEVERIC. Attack. Aged 23, with three caps — all gained this season. Another member of the World Cup squad in Spain who didn't appear in the team. Plays for the champions Dynamo Zagreb.

MITAR MRKELA. Outside-left. Aged 17, — with one cap — gained as a 17th-minute substitute against Bulgaria, when his free kick created the only — winning — goal for Stojkovic. Mrkela was included in the World Cup 40 after a brilliant start in the first division with OFK Belgrade, but the manager Miljan Miljanic supposed him too inexperienced to cope with the pressures of a World Cup. Outstanding prospect.

DRAGAN BOSNJAK. Attack. Aged 22, no caps. Plays for Dynamo Zagreb.

ZORAN MARIC. Attack/left wing. Aged 26, no caps. Plays for Vojvodina Novisad and was in the original World Cup 40, without making it to Spain.

BORISLAV CVETKOVIC. Attack. Aged 22, no caps. Plays, like his international squad brother, for Dynamo Zagreb.

Standby reserves: RADE PATRICA (Zeljeznicar Sarajaveo, aged 21, no caps) and DRAGAN STOJKOVIC (Radnicki Nis, aged 23, no caps).

World Soccer Newsdesk

Mexico . . . from Carlos F. Ramirez

MEXICO, the country, is facing grave economic problems. However Mexican football has just experienced one of its best years, both in attendance figures and the level of the game.

This is especially rewarding considering that since 1970, Mexico have faded at top international level, failing to reach the World Cup finals in 1974 and 1982.

Mexican professional football comprises four divisions. The first division has 20 teams from 12 cities; second division "A" with 20, and 22 in the "B" group; and a third division divided into geographical zones with a total of 20 teams. All in all, professional football in Mexico covers 35 cities with a total of 82 teams.

Currently, America from Mexico City are the best team in the country, thanks to their imported players, Argentines Zelada (the best goalkeeper in the league), Outes and Bacas; as well as the Brazilian right wing Batata. A fourth import, also Argentine, Daniel Brailowski, has seen little action because of a knee injury.

Second-best are Atlante, also from Mexico City, for whom Grzegorz Lato plays. They lead their group easily — Mexican football being played in four groups of five teams each, the top two teams in each group qualifying for the final play-off. Only three other teams have shown outstanding quality: Autónoma de Guadalajara, a university team coached by Héctor Núñez, a Spaniard. Tampico-Madero, led by Roberto Motosas, the former Uruguayan international; and Oaxtepec, promoted to the first division last year with an interesting combination of veterans and young players. Among them are Spain's Juan Manuel Asensi now Libero, and Alberto Jonge, an Argentine playing his last season but the league's leading scorer with 18 goals in 18 matches.

As for Lato, it was not easy for him to adapt to Mexican football, but now he is the best right-wing in the league. Now that veteran Brazilian striker Cabinho has gone, Lato's partner will be "Ratón" Ayala, the veteran Argentine.

Despite the criticism blasted against Mexico in Europe as a possible candidate to stage the 1986 World Cup finals, the chances look as good as those of even Brazil. Mexico can offer at least 12 stadia ready for use: Aztec and Olympic in Mexico City; Puebla, Toluca; Jalisco and 3 de Marzo in Guadalajara; León; Universitario and Technologico of Monterrey; Tamaulipas in the twin cities of Tampico and Madero; Moctezuma in Torreón; and Ciudad Juarez. The Mexican federation president, Rafael Del Castillo, had gone too far when he said that all that was needed to have the stadia ready where "brushes and cans of paint." However, our stadia need less work than most of those in Spain two years before the kick-off for 1982!

Mexico offers excellent communication facilities and a solid and stable tourist trade. There is political stability and the new President Miguel De la Madrid has offered government support — which is more than Brazil!

Cabinho, top scorer in Mexico for seven successive seasons, on the night he retired . . . at 34.

Hassan Cemali reporting from Istanbul

THE season in Turkey always sees an epidemic of allegations and rumours about the fixing of games by both corrupt officials and unscrupulous players. The latest scandal broke during a league match between two most popular clubs of Istanbul, Fenerbahçe and Galatasaray — which Fenerbahçe won 1-0.

The trouble started when referee Cumhur Demir ignored Galatasaray's penalty appeal four minutes from time when Yugoslav striker Hogic was tripped by defender Onur in the penalty area . . . The game halted for quarter of an hour because of arguments and protests. When the game was over Hogic attempted to strike the referee but his team-mates luckily, managed to calm him.

Ater the game the manager of Galatasaray, Ozkan Sümer, in a TV interview, accused Fenerbahçe's president, Ali Sen, of bribing the referee. He said that whenever Fenerbahçe played at home they owed success to penalties 'created' and awarded by the referees.

Video replayes proved nothing because of the poor and insufficient facilities for TV recordings.

Later referee Cumhur Demir explained that Hogic lost the control of the ball and, when falling, held Onur's arm. But that explanation did not stop further arguments on TV and in public which ended only with the suspensions of two Galatasaray men, Yugoslav Hogic and Seydic, as well as manager Sümer, for five weeks.

Meanwhile, with the Turkish league having nearly reached the halfway stage, Fenerbahçe lead with 26 points, Galatasaray are two points behind but closing the gap and third are Beşiktaş with 22 points. Favourites Trabzonspor are down in fifth place but with a game in hand.

Fenerbahçe done well under Yugoslav manager Stankovic. Selçuk is Fenerbahçe's goal machine again with ten goals so far and is also the top scorer of the league thanks to a hat-trick against Trabzonspor.

Beşiktaş, with their Yugoslav coach Dorde Miliç, made a bad start but recovered well with recent transfer Metin the scoring ace.

Trabzonspor's unexpected defeats are due to the renovation of their stadium and ground facilities, which will be completed at the beginning of the second half of the season. It is worth noting that Trabzonspor, during their six months of touring from town to town, travelled 15,000 miles!

Rpublic of Ireland News . . . from Robert Reid

NOTHING short of a cataclysmic turn of form will deny Athlone Town of their second league title in three years. That is the healthy position the provincial club find themselves in as they enter the new year. Their nearest challengers Dundalk languish some nine points behind with little chance of bridging that impressive gap.

However, at the start of the campaign Athlone were in an apparent state of disarray with Eugene Davis, Frank Devlin, Denis Clarke and veteran goalkeeper Mick Smyth having departed for new pastures.

Mark Meagan and Larry Murray were brought to Athlone from Waterford by manager Turlough O'Connor in a bid to bolster a team who seemed destined for anything but success.

Success

But O'Connor has since confounded the pessimists by guiding his side through the first 14 matches of the league undefeated. The League Cup was also won at the end of December when they beat Dundalk 2-1, the club's third such success in four years.

Limerick referee P. J. Walsh may well have rewritten the record books on January 3 last. Only 49 seconds of the League of Ireland match between Shamrock Rovers and Sligo Rovers had elapsed when he sent off Sligo player Graham Fox for striking Shamrock Rovers top goalscorer Liam Buckley!

Indeed Sligo finished the game with only eight players as English-born pair Andy Elliott and Keith Parkinson also received their marching orders in a game which Shamrock Rovers struggled to win 3-1.

Vitaly Daraselia – killed in a car crash

VITALY DARASELIA, the Dynamo Tbilisi midfield player and World Cup star, has been killed in a car accident.

The Soviet news agency TASS reported on December 28 that Daraselia, 25, was driving alone in his home republic of Georgia on a winding mountain road when his car crashed. TASS gave no further details. Georgia is a mountainous Caucasian republic with many narrow and precipitous mountain roads.

He was a big favourite with the fervent Tbilisi supporters and his funeral was an emotional affair attended by thousands of fans, many of them weeping.

Daraselia socred the winning goal when Tbilisi landed the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1981 with a 2-1 victory over Carl Zeiss Jena of East Germany in Dusseldorf, a goal that Kevin Keegan said was one of the best he had seen in top-flight football. Taking a through pass from David Kipiani, Daraselia skilfully beat three defenders before hitting the ball past Hans-Ulrich Grapenthin in the German goal. There were only four minutes to go before the end of the match, and the goal made Tbilisi only the second Soviet side ever to capture the Cup.

He was recently named one of the best three midfield players in the Soviet Union by the Soviet Football Federation, a tribute to his scoring ability and energetic play.

Famous abroad for his appearances for Tbilisi in European competition and for the national team in World Cup matches, his last appearance abroad was on September 30 in Naples, where Napoli socred the only goal of the match to eliminate Tbilisi from the UEFA Cup. He was well known in England for his contribution to Tbilisi's thrashing of Liverpool and West Ham in the European Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup respectively.

Daraselia joined the club when he was 17

David Kipiani of Dinamo Tbilisi.

by Terry Bushell

and had been a regular in the first team for most of the time since then. He also was a member of two very successful Soviet youth teams before joining the full national side, in which he played for three seasons.

He won every domestic honour with Tbilisi — the Soviet Cup and championship as well as League silver and bronze medals.

Vitaly Daraselia was born in the town of Ochamchira on the Black Sea coast, where, he said, not to play football as a child was impossible. From the age of five he did nothing in his free time except play football. With his first junior club he reached the Georgian final of the national competition for boys' teams, the Leather Ball tournament. Then he played for a club called Amirani in the Georgian League, scoring 20 goals in 1974. This brought him to the attention of Dynamo Tbilisi, and he joined them the following year.

At this time, and for some time afterwards, he was playing as a centre-forward. His appearances in the national youth team were in this position. It was Tbilisi manager Nodar Akhalkatsi who persuaded him to drop back to midfield. Daraselia always retained his attacking instincts and flair however. He said he would have scored more goals if he had been a better header of the ball. He was a short player, and heading remained his big weakness.

He had just finished a course at the Physical Culture Institute and was preparing to continue his studies at the Economics Faculty of Tbilisi University when he died.

He leaves a widow and two children, a girl of five named Christina and a boy aged four also called Vitaly. It was decided to name the boy the same as his father as he was born just 15 minutes after Daraselia senior had scored a goal in Naples in an earlier UEFA Cup match against Napoli.

Daraselia's death is one more blow in the disintegration of the fine Tbilisi team that at times looked as if could become one of the all-time great sides of European competition.

The first blow was the premature retirement from football of Kipiani, a balding, stooping midfield general who was a sensation against Liverpool and West Ham. He suffered a broken thigh in the summer of 1981 in a four-team tournament in Madrid, against Real Madrid, ironically in the very Estadio Bernabeu stadium where the World Cup Final was to be played the following year.

Kipiani recovered sufficiently from this to play for Tbilisi as they defended unsuccessfully their Cup-Winners' Cup title against Standard Liege but after further tests he was advised that his leg could no longer stand the pressures of football.

This was followed by a loss of form of Tbilisi players in the World Cup, form that they did not regain afterwards for the second half of the domestic championship.

The biggest disappointment was the performances of defender and captain Alexandr Chivadze, regarded before the World Cup finals as one of the best players in the world. Aged 27, he was voted Soviet Player of the Year in 1980 after his prominence in Tbilisi's demolition of Liverpool, a victory that began with him dribbling the ball all the way from his own goal-line to score. He is a calming, steadying influence at his best, a quality much needed among the fiery Georgian players. But for a year now he has been far from his best.

Another big disappointment in this year was striker Ramaz Shengelia. In spite of continuing to knock in his quota of goals he has not been the force he was, and was another flop in the World Cup finals in Spain.

Tbilisi in fact only just managed to scrape into the UEFA Cup next season by finishing fourth in the Soviet Supreme League.

Manager Akhalkatsi had already began to provide for the future before Daraselia's death, blooding several unknown young players and paying the price with some heavy and humiliating defeats, the most spectacular being a 5-1 thrashing at home by Dynamo Kiev.

Probably Akhalkatsi will eventually build another fine team. He is a shrewd and experienced manager. But even assuming Chivadze and Shengelia regain their form, the premature loss of Kipiani and Daraselia means the task is going to take that much longer and be that much more difficult.

Scandinavian review ...

from Frank Sjoman

VIKING LAND SIXTH TITLE

IN LANDING their sixth Norwegian title since 1972, Viking from Stavanger on the Norwegian west coast underlined their position as the country's most successful team during the last decade. Viking have taken the league in 1958, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1979 and 1982 and now only Fredrikstad, with nine league titles, have won more times.

It was a fairly uneventful season, which among other things can be seen in the fact that the average attendance dropped from 5,800 in 1981 to 4,568.

Viking started by losing 0-2 to Fredrikstad but soon recovered their form and with 14 points from nine unbeaten matches took hold of the lead in mid season and never let go.

When Viking lost the fourth from last match versus Mjöndalen, a thrilling finish seemed likely because Lillestrøm were only one point behind with four more teams a further two points adrift.

However, Viking were not to be caught and secured the title in the second last game when they beat Vålerengen 2-0 away — both goals scored within the first 15 minutes — while the two remaining challengers, Lillestrøm and Hamarkameratene, both lost.

One player, goalkeeper Erik Johannessen, has participated in the last six league-winning sides, which means that he is now a joint record-holder. His namesake, Tryggve, back with Viking after a year in Vidar, was again the most dangerous player up front and joint league top scorer with 11 goals.

It is remarkable that only two players from the new champions are regularly included in the national squad: full-back Bjarne Berntsen (33 caps) and midfielder-cum-forward Isak Arne Refvik (6).

It must sound odd but though Viking won the first division, they are not Norwegian champions. That title belongs to SK Brann, from Bergen, who won the final of the cup, the tournament which traditionally crowns the "champions".

Brann completed a neat double, winning the cup and promotion from the second division in the same season. The Bergen team are one of the traditional big clubs in Norway and this was their fifth cup win.

Losing finalists were Molde, who had a more depressing double, being relegated from the first division as well. They were, however, desperately unlucky not to win the cup as they were much the better side.

In the semi-finals Molde did well to beat Viking 1-0 away, while Brann accounted for Moss 3-1 at home; 22,209 watched that game.

The cup final, too, is always a sell-out. This season it was watched by 23,000 at the Ulleval Stadium in Oslo.

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SINCE THE SEASON'S END in Norway no fewer than eight of the 12 First Division teams have changed their coaches. A hatful of Second and Third Division teams have also made changes, increasing the Swedish invasion of the Norwegian coaching scene.

Five top Swedes have arrived to lead the hunt for glory. Bryne have secured former international stopper, Kent Karlsson, from Kalmar. He replaces Brian Green, who led Bryne to second place this past season.

Valerengen, of Oslo, have probably got the biggest fish in landing IFK Gøteborg trainer, Gunder Bengtsson, who led IFK to both the league championship and play-off victory over Hammarby. Now he faces the task of guiding Oslo's pride, VIF, to glory, after a year with mixed fortunes after their league win in 1981. Last year new coach, Knut Erik Rikheim, was sacked after just seven games. Former coach, Leif Eriksen, was again put in charge after that, but he would rather continue with Second Division Bærum this season.

For the first time in their history Kongsvinger are in the top grade, and they too take to a Swede next season. Christer Nilsson comes from IFK Arvika, and takes over from Stein Ivar Sigeraes. Second Division Pors have signed former Elfsborg man, Rolf Svensson, as successor to Roy Marthinsen, while Odd from Skien, relegated to Division Three for the first time in 20 years, will be led by Lennart Søderberg from Eskilstuna (taking over from Morten Larsen).

Other changes in Division One were:

Viking: In — Andreas Morisbak, a coach with experience of guiding Norway's youth international team and a former international himself. Out — Kjell Schou Andreassen — after winning the league, this former Lillestrøm national coach wants a year off.

Rosenborg: In — Tommy Cavanagh, formerly an aide with both Manchester United and Newcastle. Out — Nils Arne Eggen, after five years in charge.

Lillestrøm: In — Bill Foulkes, the former Manchester United captain who has been at Steinkjer for one year. Out — Joar Hoff, after one season, in which he led the club on whom Tommy Docherty turned his back, to third place.

Moss: In — Per Mosgaard, a former Fredrikstad coach who has been out of the spotlight a couple of years. Out — Anders Fægri, that now will take over Division Two side Lyn, of Oslo.

Start: In — Erik Ruthford Pedersen, from their own staff. Out — Svein Hammerø, who was axed halfway through the campaign and will lead Vard, of Haugesund.

There have also been some significant changes in Division 2. Hammerø takes over Vard, with Martin Chivers returning to England; ex-Sunderland favourite Vic Halom will become Mo player coach after one year at Bergsøy, Barry Salvage has been made player coach of Haugar, led by Dennis Burnett one year ago; and relegated Grand start in Division Three without former Liverpool star, Chris Lawler.

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● Greece's top club, Olympiakos have signed Norwegian midfielder, Roger Albertsen on a two-year contract. Albertsen, previously in Holland with Feyenoord and FC den Haag (two spells), has been with Belgian First Division side, Winterslag, during the last 18 months.

● Lillestrøm, the Norwegian club for whom Tom Lund used to play, has recalled international midfielder man, Arne Erlandsen, from Swedish Second Division club, Djurgaarden. Erlandsen has played in Sweden in the last two years.

● Norwegian Under-21 star, Jan Halvor Halvorsen, from Pors, Porsgrund, has turned his back on the Second Division club and signed a one-year contract with newly-promoted First Division club, Eik, of Tønsberg. Eik must pay £12,500 for the 19-year-old central defender who has big hopes of becoming a professional abroad. He has already had trials with Ipswich and Aberdeen.

● Twenty-year-old star striker, Nils Ove Hellvik, of Viking, Stavanger, has not played a league game for over a year. After he changed from Bryne to Viking last autumn, Bryne put a 12-month ban on the U-21 striker, because he still had a year of his contract to run with them. Now he looks set to start next season, which gets underway in April — if the clubs can agree on the fee of about £14,000.

● HJK Helsingfor's goal-keeping hero in the European Cup tie in Finland against Liverpool, former Colchester goalkeeper Jeff Wood, has gone to Hong Kong club, Happy Valley, on loan until the Finnish season starts in April. The scorer of HJK's goal in the 1-0 victory over Liverpool in Helsingfors, Atik Ismail, has been snapped up by Belgian giants Anderlecht.

● The long-time captain of Denmark's national team, Per Røntved, from Randers Freja, has signed for North American indoor league club, Wichita Wings, to team up with his brother Kim Røntved, and two other Danes, Jørgen Kristensen and Frank Rasmussen.

● Borussia Moenchengladbach have signed for £30,000 Norway's central defender, Kai Erik Herlovsen, 23, from Second Division Fredrikstad, relegated in the autumn.

● French First Division side, Monaco, received a tragic blow when Swedish striker, Ralf Edstrøm, was condemned to a complicated knee operation, which will keep him out of the game for six months to a year.

● PSV Eindhoven have signed 20-year-old Danish midfielder, Jan Heinze, from Second Division Kastrup. Heinze has won Under-21 representative caps for Denmark.

● Finnish international striker, Juhani Himanka, who played for Norwegian First Division club, Lillestrøm, last season, will probably play for Kemi, in Finland, this coming season.

From JOSE ALBERTO FERNANDES

BENFICA'S RUN IS ENDED!

AFTER a record-breaking run of 28 games unbeaten, Benfica's glorious five-month stampede has been ended — by their most bitter rivals, neighbours and champions Sporting of Lisbon.

But it took the narrowest of margins, a 1-0 defeat, and then a controversial penalty to make it a happy new year for Sporting after the pulsating derby clash in the Alvalade stadium on January 2.

Benfica's 28-game series began in August with a 4-2 victory over Hungarian club Ferencvaros in a friendly, and included league games, domestic cup-ties, UEFA Cup matches and other friendlies.

"I suppose the run had to end sometime," said coach Sven-Goran Eriksson — just voted Manager of the Year in his native Sweden because of his exploits last season with UEFA Cup-winners IFK Gothenburg. "But," he added, "it's no great catastrophe."

Up until the decisive penalty Benfica had looked the better of the teams, their confidence reflecting their domination of the league this season. Before facing Sporting they had won 12 and drawn one of their league matches, and both strikers Nene (11 goals) and Zoran Filipovic (nine) figured among the leading scorers.

It was Jordao who found the net on this occasion, however, converting a 49th-minute penalty awarded by referee Rosa Santos for what he judged to have been a foul on the one-time Benfica forward by the Eagles' skipper, Humberto Coelho.

That made all the difference to the game. As Benfica began to grow anxious, so Sporting grew in confidence and assurance and touch. The net result was that Benfica's lead at the top had been cut to four points over second-placed FC Porto and Sporting. Porto have the better goal difference, thanks in the main to the efforts of Fernando Gomes.

After wasting two years in Spain with Gijon — much of the time injured — he is back in form with 17 goals this season, more than one a game.

The teams for the top-of-the-table meeting were:

Sporting: Meszaros — Venancio, Ademar, Kikas, Virgilio — Marinho, Lito (Festas 75), Oliveira, Kostov (Mario Jorge 46) — Manuel Fernandes, Jordao.

Benfica: Bento — Bastos Lopes I, Pietra, Humberto Coelho, Veloso — Diamantino (Frederico 77), Alves, Carlos Manuel, Chalana — Nene, Filipovic.

Benfica's revival had started when controversial director Fernando Martins decided to sign 34-year-old Sven-Goran Eriksson as coach, after watching his IFK Gothenborg beat Hamburg in the UEFA Cup Final.

If at first the fans doubted the capacity of the young Swede to lead a club of Benfica's glorious past, they were soon to change their minds as all the first 16 matches played under him finished in victories.

Rui Jordao of Sporting Lisbon.

BENFICA'S 28-GAME RUN

Opponents	Venue	Score	Comp.
Ferencvaros	Lisbon	4-2	—
Lasa XI	New Bedford	8-1	—
Aris Salonika	Toronto	1-0	—
Sporting Cristal	Toronto	4-1	—
Vasas	Lisbon	5-0	—
Espinho	Madeira	1-0	League
Boavista	Lisbon	3-0	League
Vitoria Setubal	Setubal	3-1	League
Salgueiros	Lisbon	1-0	League
Betis Sevilla	Lisbon	2-1	UEFA Cup
Estoril	Estoril	1-0	League
Betis	Seville	2-1	UEFA Cup
Varzim	Lisbon	8-0	League
Lokeren	Lisbon	2-0	UEFA Cup
Vit. Guimaraes	Lisbon	1-0	League
Maritimo	Funchal	1-0	League
Lokeren	Lokeren	2-1	UEFA Cup
Campinense	Lisbon	8-1	Port. Cup
FC Porto	Lisbon	3-1	League
Rio Ave	V. Conde	1-0	League
Zurich FC	Zurich	1-1	UEFA Cup
Amora	Lisbon	4-2	League
PSV Eindhoven	Lisbon	2-0	—
Alcobaca	Alcobaca	1-1	League
FC Zurich	Lisbon	4-0	UEFA Cup
Atletico	Tapadinho	6-0	Port. Cup
Portimonense	Lisbon	4-1	League
Belenenses	Restelo	2-0	—

Record: 28 — 26 — 2 — 0 — 85 — 15.

From being almost an unknown in Portugal, the young Swedish coach has quickly become the idol of half Lisbon, although he hasn't quite the same charisma of ex-Sporting boss Malcolm Allison or FC Porto's José Maria Pedroto. Cautious when facing to the press, he prefers to let the team's exhibitions on the pitch do the talking for him.

The usual players are (* indicates international):

Bento*, 34, goalkeeper; Pietra*, 28, full-back, Humberto Coelho*, 32, central-defender, Bastos Lopes I*, 29, central-defender, Veloso*, 23, full-back; Carlos Manuel*, 20, midfielder; Alves*, 30, midfielder, Bastos Lopes II*, 23, defender or midfielder, Chalana*, 23, midfielder-left winger; Néné*, 33, forward, Filipovic, 29, Yugoslav international forward.

In Portugal they stand out as a team of real class in domestic terms, with the hey men goalkeeper Bento (as old as the boss), captain Humberto Coelho, Carlos Manuel and Chalana, two youngsters of great skill and pace, Alves, the black-gloved little midfield maestro and veteran Néné who has been scoring goals at an incredible rate since signed as a schoolboy. And there's also 20-plus capped Shéu, 29, who is injured.

It won't be for lack of experience if Benfica are beaten to the title, as they have been crowned champions once every two seasons since it began in 1934 and have never finished below the fourth place! "The Reds" are also much used to Cup success too, as they have won 17 times. But what they really want is international acclaim and with some of the key players ageing, the sooner the better. With a firm position at the top of the league, and an interest in the Cup too, Benfica do not hide their European ambitions and hope to sign Gothenborg and Sweden's Stromberg knowing he won't be able to play in the league with Zoran Filipovic in the line-up (Portuguese sales allow only one foreigner per team).

Many believe the present team could be as good as the Benfica of the 1960s when they twice won the Champions Cup (1961 and '62) and were beaten finalists in (1963, 1965 and 1968).

But Roma, the current leaders in Italy aren't exactly ideal opposition at this stage of the UEFA Cup! Even so, if Falcao, Prohaska, Conti and Co, fail to beat Benfica at home by a comfortable margin, they can expect no favours under the pressure of the 75,000 who will pack the Estadio da Luz for the return.

Elsewhere in Portugal Fernando Gomes, who forms a deadly partnership with ex Blackpool, Everton and QPR forward Mickey Walsh, is the current scoring leader with 17 goals, four more than coloured N'Habola of Rio Ave and six more than eternal rival Néné.

Gomes, 26, who was the top goalscorer in '77, '78 and '79 became the most expensive Portuguese player when transferred to Sporting Gijon, where niggling injuries prevented him establishing himself in the tough Spanish League.

Last summer he made the trip back to Porto and now once more he looks the best bet for the 'Silver Ball' (for the League's top scorer) and even a good outsider for the Adidas Golden Boot.

Leading scorers: Gomes (FC Porto) 17; N'Habola (Rio Ave) 13; Néné (Benfica) 11; Filipovic (Benfica) 9; Oliveira (Sporting Lisbon) and Jordao (Sporting) and Raul Aguas (Portimonense) 7 each; Joaquim Rocha (Vit. Guimaraes), Vitor Madeira (Estoril), Lito (Sporting) and Walsh (FC Porto) 6 each.

FOREIGN IMPORTS

ENGLISH FOOTBALL AND THE WORLD

— a World Soccer survey of the current player imports and exports.

Conducted by THORBJORN SKAARDAL

JUST over two years ago there were more than 40 foreign players in the Football League. Today that toal is down to 28.

One of the reasons is a general tightening-up in the issue of work permits. Players who wish to come to England now must be established internationals in their home countries.

Both Robert Prytz (Sweden, now with Glasgow Rangers) and Wynton Rufer (New Zealand, now FC Zurich) were thus turned away last year.

Argentina's Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa were the first imports when restrictions were lifted in 1978. They were captured for a joint fee of £700,000 by Tottenham's enterprising manager Keith Burkinshaw — who has just "signed" Ardiles again, in bringing him back ahead of schedule from his loan with Paris Saint-Germain.

At the same time, the flow has not been all one-way. In fact, there are far more exports than imports — as these statistics prove.

IMPORTS

ARSENAL:
Vladimir Petrovic (Yugoslavia).
BIRMINGHAM:
Bud Brocken (Holland — on loan to FC Groninger). Note: Pat van den Hauwe (Belgium) has stayed in Britain for over five years and does not count on the foreign quota.
IPSWICH:
Frans Thijssen (Holland). Mich D'Avray (South Africa).
LIVERPOOL:
Bruce Grobbelaar (Zimbabwe).
LUTON:
Raddy Antic (Yugoslavia).
MANCHESTER UNITED:
Arnold Mühren (Holland).
NORWICH:
Åge Hareide (Norway) on loan from Manchester City, Dennis van Wyk (Holland).
NOTTINGHAM FOREST:
Hans van Breukelen (Holland), Einar Aas (Norway).
NOTTS COUNTY:
Raddy Avramovic (Yugoslavia), Aki Lahtinen (Finland). Note: John Chiedozie (Nigeria) has lived in London since a boy, and does not count on the foreign quota.
SOUTHAMPTON:
Ivan Katalinic (Yugoslavia).
STOKE:
Loek Ursem (Holland).
SWANSEA:
Dzemal Hadziabdic (Yugoslavia), Ante Rajkovic (Yugoslavia).
TOTTENHAM:
Ricardo Villa (Argentina), Osvaldo Ardiles (Argentina).
WATFORD:
Jan Lohman (Holland).
WEST BROMWICH:
Maarten Jol (Holland), Romeo Zondervan (Holland).
WEST HAM:
Francois van der Elst (Belgium)
CHARLTON:
Allan Simonsen (Denmark)
CRYSTAL PALACE:
Gavin Nebbeling (South Africa)
DERBY:
Yakka Banovic (Australia).
MIDDLESBROUGH:
Heine Otto (Holland).
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY:
Ante Mirocevic (Yugoslavia).
HEREFORD:
Adam Musial (Poland).
BOURNEMOUTH:
Ivan Golac (Yugoslavia).

FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE PLAYED IN ENGLAND . . . AND GONE AGAIN:

Alberto Tarantini (Argentina) Birmingham to Talleres (now River Plate); Geert Meyer (Holland) Bristol City to Sparta; Claudio Marangoni (Argentina) Sunderland to Huracan (now Independiente); Kazimierz Deyna (Poland) Man C. to San Diego; Tadeusz Nowak (Poland) Bolton back to Poland; Dusan Nikolic (Yugoslavia), Bolton to Red Star; Len de Goey (Holland) Sheffield United to Go Ahead Eagles; Pertti Jantunen (Finland) Bristol City to IFK Västerås; Dragoslav Stepanovic (Yugoslavia) Man C. to Wormatia Worms; Raimondo Ponte (Switzerland) Nottingham Forest to Bastia (now Grasshoppers); Jürgen Röber (West Germany) Nottingham Forest to Bayer Leverkusen; Bosco Jankovic (Yugoslavia) Middlesbrough to Metz; Johnny Østergaard (Denmark) Charlton to Ikast; Viggo Jacobsen (Denmark) Charlton to Kolding; Tommy Kristiansen (Denmark) Brighton to Herfølge (now Haarlem); Kurt Arne Bergstrand (Sweden) Man C. to Kalmar FF; Roger van Gool (Belgium) Coventry to Royal Antwerpen (now Nimes); Rudi Kaiser (Holland) Coventry to Nice; Mosche Gariani (Israel) Brighton to Maccabi Nathanya) Jacob Cohen (Israel) Brighton to Beitar Tel-Aviv; Avi Cohen (Israel) Liverpool to Maccabi Tel-Aviv; Ryszard Kowenicki (Poland) Oldham to Viborg in Denmark; Drazen Muzinic (Yugoslavia) Norwich to Hajduk Split; Rafael Villazan (Uruguay) Wolves back to Defenbor, Uruguay; Petar Borota (Yugoslavia) Chelsea via Brentford to Benfica); Pedro Verde (Argentina) Sheff U. back to Argentina; Alex Sabella (Argentina) Leeds to Estudiantes; Jan Möller (Sweden) Bristol City to Toronto Blizzard; Franz Koenen (Holland) Newcastle to Hulla-Vil; Toine Van Mierio (Birmingham to Willem II).

EXPORTS

EUROPE

BELGIUM:
Lierse: David Loggie (ex-York, Sparta).
Beerschot: Tommy Taylor (ex-West Ham, Orient).
AA Gent: James Gillespie (ex-Queens Park, Skottland).
Lokeren: Jim Tolmie (ex-Morton).
Charifroi: John McLinlay (ex-Sunderland).
CYPRUS:
Pezoporikos Larnaca: Peter Silvester (ex-Southend).
Apoel: David Esser (ex-Rochdale). Mark Ferguson, a former Blackburn player, is manager here.
DENMARK:
KB Copenhagen: Russell Cotton (ex-Colchester). Trevor Ames (ex-Palace) has now returned to England.
Ikast: Andy Pape (ex-QPR).
B 1903: Billy McGhie (ex-Leeds) was on trial at the club, but is now back in Britain.
B 1909 (Odense): John Fraser (ex-Scotland, Svenborg).
Kolding: Leroy Ambrose (ex-Hvidovre, Charlton).
Herfølge: Kevin Torrance (ex-Dundee), Frank McNamara (ex-Dundee).
Vejle: Stephen Lowe (ex-Aston Villa, Wolves), Julian Barnett (ex-Burnley, Nakskov, Fredrikshavn).
Fremad Valby: Neil Mooney (ex-Nakskov).
Helsingør: Keith Brooks (plays as an amateur).
FINLAND:
HJK Helsingfors: Jeff Wood (ex-Charlton, Herfølge, Colchester) now on loan to Happy Valley in Hong Kong until March 1983; Steve Wright (ex-Colchester). Alan Wooler now returned to Aldershot after a loan period.
KPT Kuopio: Keith Armstrong (ex-OPS Oulu, Newcastle, Newport, Workington).
Kuopio ELO: Geoff Langley (ex-Vasalund, Bolton). Paul Williams has now returned to Chelsea after a loan period. John Bartley (ex-Millwall) has signed for Maidstone, while two youngsters from London, Mark Dennehy (ex-Millwall) and Frank Clark (ex-Charlton) have returned to England, but have yet to find new clubs.
Palloseura: Four players were here in the summer, but returned to England. Gary Johnson was on loan from Brentford and is now back there; while Mark Aspinall (ex-Fulham), Dean Edwards (ex-Shrewsbury) and Andy Proudlove (ex-Nykøping) have yet to find new clubs.
Kuuysi, Lahti: Steve Hatter, now returned to Fulham after a loan period, and has been on loan to Exeter City. Gary Marrow (ex-Sheffield U.) is also back in England.
OPS Oulu: David Irving (ex-Everton, Oldham, Fort Lauderdale, Atlanta Chiefs), Hugh Smith.
Hacka: Mark Dziadulewicz (ex-Wimbledon).
KTP: Shaun Penny (ex-Bristol City and Robers) has now signed for Bath City.
Ilves, Tammerfors: Lynn Thomas.
KTV: Graham Gill (ex-Workington).
Yaro: Craig Ramsey (ex-Lincoln). Steve Hanlon is back in Crewe after a loan. Alan Ricketts (ex-Crewe) is back in England.
HOLLAND:
Sparta, Rotterdam: George Duggie (ex-Aston Villa, Haarlem, Telstar).
Twente, Enschede: Billy Ashcroft (ex-Wrexham, Middlesbrough).
MVV Maastricht: Robin Turner (one year's loan from Ipswich).
Groningen: Rob McDonald (ex-Hull, Wageningen, Willem II), Steve Goble (ex-Norwich).
Haarlem: Keith Masefield (ex-Aston Villa).
Roda JC: Jim Calderwood (ex-Birmingham, Willem II).
S.C. Cambuur: Mark Payne (ex-Ledbury Town).
Herakles: Paul Davies (ex-Cardiff), Ray Richardson (ex-St Albans), G. F. Kerr.
Wageningen: Craig Norrie (ex-Hull).
FC Clindam: Tony McNulty (ex-Liverpool area).
ITALY:
Sampdoria: Liam Brady (ex-Arsenal, Juventus), Trevor Francis (ex-Birmingham, Forest, Man C.).
AC Milan: Joe Jordan (ex-Leeds, Man United).
NORWAY
Viking: Garry Goodchild (ex-Arsenal, Hereford, Reading, Crystal Palace).
Fredrikstad: Bobby Hodge (ex-Exeter, Colchester, Torquay).
Mjøndalen: Paul Wilson (ex-Norwich, Jerv, Storm, Odd).
Braan: Neil McLeod (ex-Southampton).
Haugar: Peter Osborne (ex-Gravesend), Barry Salvage (ex-Millwall, Kopervik).
Odd: Tony Cheek (ex-Lowestoft, Stjordalo-Blink).
Pors: John Capaldi (ex-Aston Villa, Motherwell).
Vard: Steve Woods (ex-Stord).
Kristiansund: Pat Schanzenbecker (ex-Brann, Vard).
Aalesund: Stan Williams (ex-Vard).
Fram, Skatval: Steven Baxter (ex-local team in the Liverpool area).
Stjørdals-Blink: Kevin Bird (ex-Norwich).
Jerv: Allan Clarkson (ex-Jerv, Fram-Larvik).
PORTUGAL:
FC Porto: Mickey Walsh (ex-Blackpool, Everton, QPR).
SPAIN:
Real Madrid: Laurie Cunningham (ex-Orient, WBA).
Betis: Peter Barnes (ex-Man C., WBA, Leeds).
SWEDEN
Karlskrona: Steve Gardner (ex-Oldham), Paul Ivey (ex-Birmingham).
Vasalund: Tony Vessey (ex-Brighton), Dean Mooney (ex-Orient, Hauyas, Gais, Bournemouth).
Eskilstuna: Tim Jordan (ex-Oldham).
Helsingborg: John Cooper (ex-Spurs).
Jønkøping: Gary Watson.
Landskrona: Stuart Baxter.
Karlstad: Tony McElvaney.
Västeras SK: Graham Howell.
Nykøping: Alan Wilson (ex-Torquay).
IK Tárd (Jønkøping): Maurice Daly (ex-Wolves, IFK Västerås), Ray Blackhall (ex-Sheff Wednesday), has now signed for Mansfield.
Gais: Phil Ashworth (ex-Scunthorpe).
Mjällby: Steve Balcombe (ex-Leeds) had a trial period at the club, but has returned to England.
Karlskoga: Russell Irving is back at Ipswich after six months' loan.
SWITZERLAND:
Neuchatel-Xamax: Don Givens (ex-Man Utd, QPR, Birmingham, Sheff Utd, Edmonton).
WEST GERMANY:
Hessen Kassel: James Weir (ex-WBA, Partick T., Hamilton.
Alemannia Aachen: Wayne Thomas (ex-Nuneaton, Peterborough).

ASIA AND OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA:
Adelaide City: Neil Banfield (ex-Palace), Bobby Ferguson (ex-West Ham).
Newcastle KB United: Jim Hamilton (ex-Carlisle), Bob Mountford (ex-Stockport).
Canberra City: Steve Bryant (ex-Birmingham, Portsmouth, Northampton), Ian Purdie (ex-Aberdeen, Wigan, Portsmouth).
Preston Rams: Alan Whittle (ex-Palace, Orient, Everton), Doug Brown (ex-Sheffield U., Stranraer, Dresden).
Wollongong: Chris Dunleavy (ex-Halifax).
Croydon City: Ian Dobson (ex-Hereford).
NEW ZEALAND:
Stop Out (Wellington): Sean Lane and Ian Bray is back at Hereford after six months in New Zealand.
Napier City Rovers: Steve Matthews (ex-Wimbledon), Paul Halford (ex-Derby).
JAPAN:
Doug Evans (ex-Norwich, Cambridge).
HONG KONG
Seiko: David Jones (ex-Everton, Coventry), Tim Bredbury (ex-Liverpool).
Happy Valley: Mick Horswill (ex-Sunderland, Hull), Nick Deacy (ex-Hull), David Wiffill (ex-Bulova, Man City), Jeff Wood (ex-Colchester) on loan from HJK Helsingfors.
Bulova: Alan Dugdale (ex-Coventry, Charlton, Tulsa Roughnecks), Barry Powell (ex-Derby), John Clayton (ex-Derby), Tommy Hutchison (ex-Coventry, Man City), Derek Parlane (ex-Glasgow Rangers, Leeds), Clive Haywood (ex-Coventry, Washington Diplomats), Dave Anderson. During a short time Peter Kitchen, Don Masson, Barry Daines, Bill Blyth, Mel Blyth and Billy Semple all have had their contracts with Bulova cancelled.
Eastern AA: Roger Hansbury (ex-Norwich), Graham Paddon (ex-Norwich, West Ham), Greig Shepherd (ex-Norwich), Alan Ball (ex-Southampton), Jim Muir (Scotland).
Sea Bee: John Phillips (ex-Chelsea, Charlton), Colin Smith (ex-Nottingham Forest), Caroline Hill (Norwich), Duncan Davidson (ex-Aberdeen, Toronto Blizzard).
Tsun Wan: Dave Roberts (ex-Hull, Cardiff), Chris Galvin (ex-Hull, Stockport), David Sunley (ex-Hull, Stockport), Doug Evans (ex-Norwich, Cambridge), Geoff Harris, David Beavon (ex-Notts C., Lincoln), Gerry Creane (ex-Lincoln).
Tun Sing: Tony Brennan.
Hong Kong Rangers: Peter McDonnell (ex-Liverpool, Oldham), Derek Spence (ex-Blackpool, Olympiankos, Southend), Jimmy Bone (ex-Sheffield Utd., St Mirren), John Watson (Scotland), Brian Sinclair.
Ryoden: Dave Stewart (ex-Leeds, WBA, Swansea), Graeme Hedley (ex-Middlesbrough), Chris Lynam (ex-Man Utd.), Paul McKinnon (ex-Malmø FF, Sutton Utd.), David Lennox, Bernie Poole.

CONCACAF

US AND CANADA
Chicago Stings: Gordon Hill (ex-Man Utd., Derby), Duncan McKenzie (ex-Forest, Leeds, Anderlecht, Everton, Chelsea, Blackburn, Tampa Bay).
Edmonton Drillers: Peter Mellor (ex-Fulham, Portsmouth), Gordon Sweetzer (ex-Brentford, Cambridge, Toronto Blizzard), David Kemp (ex-Palace, Portsmouth, Carlisle and Plymouth).
Fort Lauderdale Strikers: Ray Hudson (ex-Newcastle), Keith Weller (ex-Chelsea, Leicester), Brian Kidd (ex-Man Utd., Arsenal, Man C., Everton, Atlanta Chiefs), Ken Fogarty (ex-Stockport).
Jacksonville Teamen: Alan Green (ex-Coventry, Washington Diplomats), Mark Lindsay (ex-Crystal Palace, California, San Jose).

Tony Woodcock . . . spent a time in exile with Köln before returning to the Football League with Arsenal last summer.

Le Manic de Montreal: Andy Lynch (ex-Celtic), Alan Willey (ex-Middlesbrough, Minnesota Kicks, Los Angeles Aztecs).
New York Cosmos: None.
Portland Timbers: John Bain (ex-Bristol City), Gary Collier (ex-Coventry), Willie Anderson) ex-Aston Villa, Cardiff), John Pratt (ex-Spurs), Ron Futcher (ex-Chester, Luton, Man C., Minnestoa), Stuart Lee (ex-Stockport, Man C.).
San Diego Sockers: Martin Donnelly, Ade Coker (ex-West Ham, Boston, Minnesota, Rochester), now a US citizen.
San Jose Earthquakes: Mike Hewitt, Paul Cahill (ex-Coventry), Chris Dangerfield (ex-Wolves, Port Vale, Los Angeles), Tony Powell (ex-Bournemouth, Norwich), Steve Litt (ex-Luton, Minnesota), Ian "Chico" Hamilton (ex-Chelsea, Southend, Aston Villa, Minnesota Kicks).
Seattle Sounders: Paul Hammond (ex-Crystal Palace), Ray Evans (ex-Spurs, Millwall, Fulham, Stoke), Frank Barton (ex-Carlisle, Blackpool, Bournemouth), Alan Hudson (ex-Chelsea, Stoke, Arsenal), Steve Buttle (ex-Bournemouth), Steve Daley (ex-Wolves, Man C.), Roger Davies (ex-Derby, FC Brügge, Leicester), Peter Ward (ex-Brighton, Forest), Gary Mills (ex-Forest).
Tampa Bay Rowdies: John Gorman (ex-Celtic, Carlisle, Spurs).
Toronto Blizzard: Colin Franks (ex-Sheffield Utd.), Cliff Calvert (ex-York, Sheffield Utd.), David Needham (ex-Notts C., QPR, Forest). Three Britons, Alan Merrick, Dave Byrne and Duncan Davidson have all become American (Canadian) citizens.
Tulsa Roughnecks: Vic Moreland (ex-Derby), Billy Caskey (ex-Derby), Barry Wallace (ex-QPR), Laurie Abrahams (ex-Charlton, California Surf), Chris McGrath (ex-Spurs, Man Utd.), David Bradford (ex-WBA, Sheff Utd., Washington D., Coventry), Dave Huson.
Vancouver Whitecaps: Peter Lorimer (ex-Leeds, York), Alan Taylor (ex-West Ham, Norwich, Cambridge), Carl Valentine (ex-Oldham).
Wichita Wings: Terry Nicholl (ex-Gillingham), Norman Piper (ex-Portsmouth), Steve Earl (ex-Scunthorpe), George Ley.
Philadelphia Fever: Steve Heighway (ex-Liverpool, Minnesota Kicks).
Minnesota Kicks: Geoff Barnett (ex-Arsenal), David Stride (ex-Chelsea), Stewart Jump (ex-Crystal Palace).
Los Angeles Aztecs: Brian Quinn (ex-Everton).
New York Arrows: Clyde Best (ex-West Ham striker) has now become an American citizen.
Phoenix Inferno: Terry Shanahan (ex-Millwall, Bournemouth, Aldershot).

*The last six clubs compete only in the indoor league.

FLAMENGO LOSE LEAGUE TITLE

FLAMENGO, the 1981 world champions, dethroned as Libertadores Cup holders in the semi-finals this year, also lost their state's league title which they had held for the last four seasons.

Flamengo won the first stage of the Rio (Carioca) League to qualify for the final round. This meant that they did not have to win the second stage to be able to defend their title and this came in handy because with saturation showing in their ageing team and Libertadores Cup matches to be played in between, they were able to frequently rest leading players in league matches. They thus finished only seventh in the second stage which was won by America to qualify for the final round together with Flamengo and Vasco da Gama, the team which had earned most points in both stages.

In the first play-off, Vasco beat America 1-0 and then Flamengo also beat them by the same score — winger Wilsinho scoring the goal 10 minutes from the end — to set up a Vasco-Flamengo decider. In the final game, watched by 113,000 at the Maracana stadium, Vasco was well on top to deserve their 1-0 win with a goal scored by Marquinhos three minutes after half-time. Marquinhos had only come on at half-time for Dudu.

Flamengo, however, played with 10 men for most of the match as their international defender, Junior, was sent off after 15 minutes, Vasco da Gama had not won the Rio league title since 1977, just before Flamengo started their successful run.

Corinthians, the country's most popular club with Flamengo, although much less successful, won Brazil's other major league championship, the São Paulo state league, by beating São Paulo FC (champions for the last two years) in the finals. Corinthians had won the first stage of the championship and São

from Eric Weil

Paulo the second (in a play-off against Corinthians which they won 3-2). Socrates tapped home a corner-kick to give Corinthians a 1-0 win in the first leg and they also won the second 3-1 with all the goals coming in the last nine minutes — Biro (2) and Casagrande scoring in the last nine minutes for Corinthians with Uruguayan Pereira getting São Paulo's temporary equaliser.

São Paulo had as many as seven players in the pre-World Cup Brazilian squad at one time and their attacks could not get past the conservative defence of Corinthians who needed just a draw for the title in this game at São Paulo's Morumbi stadium watched by 67,000. Corinthians finished the championship as highest scorers with 76 goals in 40 matches and their striker Casagrande was top scorer with 28 goals.

The teams lined up as follows in the second game:

Corinthians: Solito, Alfinete, Mauro, Goncalves, Vladimir, Paulinho, Socrates, Zenon (Eduardo), Ataliba, Casagrande, Biro-Biro.

São Paulo: Valdir Peres, Getulio, Oscar, Pereira, Marinho, Almir, Renato, Everton, Paulo Cesar, Eriberto (Serginho), Ze Sergio.

Internacional of Porto Alegre beat traditional town rivals Gremio 2-0 in the last match to win the Rio Grande do Sul state championship for the second time running.

Bahia went through their 52nd consecutive game without defeat to win the Bahia State championship. Celebrating spectators among the 50,000 crowd invaded the field before the final whistle and stripped the victorious team almost naked in search for souvenirs . . . **Sport** won their third successive Pernambuco state title after beating Central 1-0 with an extra time goal . . .**Comercial** won the Mato Grosso do Sul state title . . . **Atletico Mineiro** won the Minas Gerais state title for the fourth year running, beating their traditional rivals, Cruzeiro, 2-1 in Belo Horizonte. The latter's goal was scored by Tostao, a namesake of that club's famous international insider — whom they used to call the "white Pele" — in the late 60's.

Talleres Cordoba's former River Plate striker Pedro Gonzalev sends a hard shot past Racing Club defender Costas, one of the latter's outstanding players and a star of the future in the Argentine first division.

In Argentina:

ESTUDIANTES STILL AHEAD

ESTUDIANTES de La Plata, a team with few outstanding stars but good team work, continue to top the Argentine first division by two points with nine games to go, Second are Independiente and in their recent vital clash on the latter's field, Estudiantes were a bit lucky to draw a poor encounter 1-1 and retain their lead.

That Boca Juniors, a team with strong play and fighting spirit but little good soccer — and they have not really got the players for it — should be equal third (four points from the top) shows the poor standard of the current championship. With a collection of mostly veterans, they have exceeded expectations, but the heat finally caught up with them. The "old men" could not stand it as summer approaced.

First they lost to bottom Sarmiento, giving that team their first win of the season and then they were beaten 1-0 at home by Instituto Cordoba, only keeping in touch with the leaders because they also dropped points. But as it gets hotter, Boca may wither further.

The match against Instituto was notable for the fact that the Cordoba team's goalkeeper, Munutti, saved two penalties . . . both from veteran international midfielder Brindisi, because he correctly guessed the angle of the shot each time.

Veterans continue to figure prominently among the leading scorers. Although young Argentinos Juniors striker Pasculli — who learnt a lot of his tricks by playing alongside Maradona — tops the table with 15 goals. Velez Sarsfield veteran Bianchi (a leading scorer in France for several seasons) is second with 14. Gareca (Boca) and Santamaria (Newell's) have 13 and another veteran, Morete (Independiente) is on 12, jointly with Gasparini (Racing Cordoba).

Bianchi scored a "hat-trick" against River Plate recently, the big club which has hardly improved even after elimination from the Libertadores Cup and contines to languish in the bottom half of the table in spite of just changing coaches — former international defender Ramos Delgado taking over from unsuccessful interim coach Jose Vasquez who moved up from the junior divisions after Vladislao Cap's death earlier this season.

Another big but bankrupt club, Racing Club — world champions in 1967 — moved away from the relegation zone with a run of nine points out of 10 although they are hardly paying their players and almost every week some refuse to turn out unless they are paid something . . . and national champions FC Oeste dropped from the title race as they continue to find goals so hard to get, also being hit by injuries to key players in their small playing staff.

Instituto Cordoba goalkeeper Munutti accomplished the unusual feat of stopping two penalties in his team's 1-0 away victory over Boca Juniors . . . both from veteran former international Brindisi. Here he is seen guessing the angle again to stop Brindisi's second attempt.

In Colombia:

AMERICA ALL THE WAY

AMERICA, from Cali, won the long Colombian professional championship for the second time (first title 1979) with two games to go . . . but it wasn't easy in the eight-team final round in which they had mostly close games.

But America, who won both the opening and closing championship this year and were ahead all the way in the final round, would have qualified for the next Libertadores Cup on the strength of this even if they had not won the title . . . but they have left no doubt as to which is the best team in the country. The only thing which remained to be decided at press time was second place and the right to accompany America into the Libertadores Cup and five clubs — Pereira, Tolima, Deportivo Cali, Millionaris, Medellin — were within two points of each other with a chance.

America's coach, Gabriel Ochoa, is one of the few locals to manage a team in the 14-club league and he may be the only one in the world who is also a doctor.

In Peru:

CHAMPIONSHIP SUSPENDED AS CLUBS REBEL

THE Peruvian championship was suspended by the FA when the league insisted that six clubs, instead of four as planned by the FA, will take part in the final round, the increase being necessary to avoid heavy losses.

The league did play another round of games although the FA declared them unofficial, but the FA then stopped referees under its jurisdiction form handling games so the tournament came to a standstill with neither side giving in. The FA has now asked the government-run sports institute to intervene the league and this could mean, for a start, that Peruvian clubs would not be able to take part in the next Libertadores Cup.

The 16 clubs had played the first stage of the championship in three regional zones. The top four from the bigger zone and the top three from each of the two smaller zones then qualified to play in two semi-final groups of five teams each with the top two of each to enter a final round. The league suddenly decided the top three from each group should go into the finals after the tournament had started and the FA said no.

The remaining six teams left out of the semi-final rounds were playing off against each other to avoid bottom place and relegation and they were also complaining that this tournament was not profitable. Meanwhile, Atletico Torino won the Peru Cup (second division) to gain re-entry into the top division.

In Venzuela:

SAN CRISTOBAL IN THEIR FIRST SEASON

SAN Cristobal won Venezuela's professional league in their first season.

This was a unique achievement . . . and also unique is the fact that in the very close six-team final round in which goals were at a premium — 1.9 per game — the champions had more goals against than for (8-9).

ELSEWHERE . . .

IN Uruguay, small club Defensor took a one-point lead in the first division when successfully claiming the points of a match they had lost 2-1 to Ncional due to the latter fielding an unregistered player and they retained that lead although only drawing their next match on the day Peñarol, getting ready to play the Libertadores Cup finals, fielded a reserve team which was held to a 2-2 draw by Wanderers.

But Defensor was jittery at the top, drawing first against next-to-bottom Miramar and then crashing 4-0 to bottom Huracan Buceo and at press time they were sharing the lead with Peñarol only because the latter had played a game less while playing Aston Villa for the world title in Tokyo.

Peñarol's Fernando Morena continued as league top scorer with 17 goals, followed by Brazilian Joao Francisco of Miramar with 14 and Jorge Da Silva (Defensor) 13.

In Chile, soccer is in for revamping when a new president, Rolando Molina takes over at the FA in February. There is talk of decentralising the FA, a national championship in summer and closer control of players contracts to stop clubs from paying more than they can afford — as happens now.

Meanwhile Libertadores Cup finalists Cobreloa, none the worse for their experience of losing at the final stage for the second year running, are joint leaders with Universidad de Chile . . . and Cobreloa have a match less and eight to play . . . Argentine born naturalised striker Oscar Fabbiani, once on the verge of playing for his adopted country, has been stopped from playing for Palestino because FIFA has banned him on the basis of US club Tampa Bay Rowdies claiming that Everton (Chile) still owe them $90,000 for the player's transfer.

Everton have since sold Fabbiani to Palestino and the player has taken the case to court claiming that his freedom to work has been impeded due to circumstances beyond his control.

In Ecuador, Nacional, with only home born players on their books, took a big step to the title with a 3-0 win over last year's champions, Barcelona (Guayaquil) in the final round between teams which finished in the top three places of the two preliminary stages of the championship. Nacional have nine points and Barcelona seven with two games to go.

Nacional and Barcelona (who line up several Brazilians) started the final round with four bonus points each awarded according to placings in previous stages, so actually the team which has picked up most points in the final round (in which four teams are participating) is third placed Nueve de Octubre with six.

In Bolivia, Bolivar won the championship by beating Jorge Wilsterman of Cochabamba 2-1 at home and drawing 1-1 in the final play-offs. The La Paz team were last champions in 1978 and will play in the next Libertadores Cup, while Wilsterman were due to play-off with Blooming for second place.

by Derick Allsop

Francis book causes huge fuss in Italy

Trevor Francis in action in Italy before injury caught up with him yet again . . . challenging Juventus skipper Giuseppe Furino.

If there's no such thing as bad publicity Trevor Francis couldn't have had a better launch for his new book.

But perhaps even this most prodigious of money-makers could have done without the furore caused by his comments on Italian football.

The attack was led by the Italian sports paper, *La Gazzetta dello Sport,* prompted Claudio Gentile to take legal advice and Italy's soccer authorities to seek retribution.

So what was all the fuss about? In the book, *The World to Play For,* Francis and his co-author, journalist David Miller, criticise the physical and cynical nature of the Italian game and certain individuals.

Francis and Miller, in response, maintain their comments are fair and that they do, in fact, also praise the skill of the Italians.

Here are a few samples from the book: Francis on Italy's World Cup: "All I really expected of the Italy-Argentina match was that it might be one of the dirtiest of the finals, and it was. It was surprising that no one was sent off until Gallego of Argentina in the last six minutes.

"Gentile did an exceptional job, but he played to the limit of the laws. He gave Maradona a fearful time, both legally and illegally, so that you kept expecting Maradona to retaliate.

"Italy always make it difficult for anyone, with their relentless marking, but in my opinion the Rumanian referee was far too lenient towards a lot of Italy's tackling and body-checking. The pity was that apart from this, it was a good game . . ."

Five goals

On Italy's defeat of Brazil: "Like millions of others I just couldn't believe Brazil were out. I didn't want to believe it. They'd given the tournament so much.

"Yet you had to hand it to Italy, they'd beaten the two big South American teams in successive matches, scoring five goals, more than twice what they had scored in three matches in the first round. They finally came out to play."

On Italian domestic football: "My first home game, a Cup-tie against Varese, was astonishing. Even though I knew what to expect, I found it hard to believe. There were more fouls in that one game than in any I've ever played, but nobody other than me seemed to think anything of it!

"There could have been two or three players sent off, but no one was surprised, it was all just taken as normal . . . In Italy it's just a blatant 'thou shalt not pass' attitude. Every game is a constant battle. The biggest difference is the referees' interpretation, in Italy they are so lenient."

The book is split between the words of Francis and those of Miller. Here are a few of Miller's thoughts:

"Maradona was sent off by Mexican referee Rubio for his most childish foul five minutes from the end (of the game against Brazil); and in that one absurd gesture of aimless retaliation was all the pent-up resentment of his own failure against the chloroform of Belgium, the barbarity of Italy in the person of Gentile, and the denial of that penalty when he had thrust past Junior and was fully a stride clear inside the area going straight at goal before Junior took his legs from behind."

On Italian behaviour in the semi-final against Poland: "Soon we had a demonstration of one of the more absurd aspects of this perverted World Cup. Conti, chasing a through ball, tripped over the advertising boards beyond the goal-line — and lay there feigning injury long enough for almost the entire Italian team to have a drink, and wash and brush up . . .

Ferocious heat

". . . Simultaneously a FIFA minion was going frantic on the half-way line, trying to prevent a Polish trainer giving the same succour to his players in the ferocious heat. Water shall only be given to him that feigneth injury.

". . . The Italians' repeated enactments of death suggested their next booking should be for La Scala opera house, Milan, rather than the Bernabeu, Madrid."

On the final against West Germany: "The crescendo of attack over the last half hour only served to emphasise the disgraceful cynicism of the first hour. And there was the very real danger that Italy's victory, however appealing the final flourish, would propagate this school of cynicism; that this shop window on the world would be judged by a million coaches and schoolmasters to have vindicated the darker side of the Italian game.

"Those who look beyond the noise, colour, emotion and celebration which always accompany the final find themselves, like Trevor Francis, deeply disturbed about the direction football is taking. The treasured memories are of France and Brazil, not Italy or Germany."

Harsh or fair comment? It would seem to depend on which side of the Anglo-Italian fence you stand. Since I am half English, half Italian, perhaps I may be permitted to offer my thoughts.

First of all it should be stressed that Francis' sections and Miller's sections are clearly defined, and that it is Miller who uses the deeply offending word "barbarity". I fully agree with Francis on Gentile and the physical nature of the Italian game.

Treasured memories

But I also feel that there isn't sufficient recognition of the positive side of Italy's play. There is individual praise for Rossi, Bearzot, even Tardelli, yet you sense it is grudging praise. My treasured memories are of France, Brazil AND Italy.

I can't help wondering whether Francis would have been so critical had his move to Sampdoria come earlier. As he admitted on a publicity trip to England, that part of the book was written BEFORE his transfer.

There is another passage which clearly didn't endear him to the Italian scribes: "I'll never complain again about the British press! The Italian press really is something different and I can understand how the Italian team came to put a ban on their own press during the World Cup."

I suspect that was the final straw. . . .

Memory Lane

DIDI AND REAL

by Eric Batty

BEFORE the days of tactics and the era in which the managers are more important and better paid than the players, it was the old-time inside forwards who were the stars.

They pulled in the crowds with their skills and football intelligence, controlling the play on the field.

One of the greatest of all was Brazil's Waldyr Pereira. He was the big Brazilian star before the arrival of Pele, and nick-named Didi which means 'the cobra' by the Rio fans.

Didi's skills were superb, the result of hours of practice as a youngster and most of his 21 goals in 72 games for Brazil were from free kicks and shots in open play that swung in the air and deceived goalkeepers. With Didi there was nothing physical, just pure skill.

Didi played in three World Cups, being in the side beaten by Hungary in the 1954 quarter-finals. He was then an apprentice and always scorning the physical stuff he took no part in what became known as the 'Battle of Berne'.

Four years later Didi was the mastermind behind the Brazilian success that won for them the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. This was the first and still the only time that the trophy was won by a team from outside the host continent.

According to the press, Brazil introduced the 4-2-4 system in this series with Didi providing the class and inspiration as the chief of the midfield two.

He was the engineer, falling back to receive clearances, dribbling past opponents and then delivering short or long balls that put the strikers away.

One flash of magic from the 1958 Final against Sweden will illustrate the impact that Didi had on games. In possession at inside left, Didi looked across the pitch and despatched a 40-yard pass with the outside of his right foot. The ball was travelling high in the air, straight to the Swedish left back Axbom. Suddenly the ball started to swing in flight, turning away from Axbom — and he moved forward to intercept.

As Axbom advanced, the ball swung further and further away from him until the left back had been drawn forward a good ten yards. There he was left stranded when the ball finally turned right away to land at the feet of right winger Garrincha who pushed the ball first time past Axbom and was away like a rocket.

Garrincha was so fast that once away no one could catch him, and this time he crossed hard and low for Vava to score. But for me it will always be Didi's goal.

Didi delighted the fans of both the big Rio clubs, Fluminense and their deadly rivals Botafogo, and then after earning widespread acclaim in the 1958 World Cup was suddenly transferred to the great Real Madrid.

Didi failed with Madrid simply because he was 'too good'. Didi was the general the key midfield man who organised everything and hunted the ball all the time. But with Real Madrid at that time that role was taken over by Di Stefano and other stars had to adapt to him.

Puskas did so by becoming the chief goalscorer, a centre forward at five foot four, though wearing the number ten.

For Madrid, Didi was a bad buy by the management for he was too much like Di Stefano and thus for two years he was the world's best paid reserve, only getting a game when Di Stefano was unfit or suspended.

Back with Botafogo and Brazil in time for the 1962 World Cup, Didi again inspired his colleagues to win the trophy in Chile, in spite of the injury to Pele that put him out of the competition.

No one who saw the great Didi at his peak will ever forget him, but he has been overshadowed in Brazilian folklore by the legend of Pele. Yet in one vital respect, Didi is unique. He is the only coloured player from South America ever to have made an impact as a manager-coach.

He made the break-through in the 1970 competition, stearing unfancied Peru past Argentina in the qualifying competition and then into the quarter-finals as rank outsiders. Peru were finally beaten 4-2 in the quarter-finals by winners Brazil, let down by a week defence and a terrible goalkeeper.

But from then on Didi has made his living, coaching in Europe and South America and Peru offered him a small fortune to go back to them for the World Cups of 1978 and 1982 when Didi was under contract to clubs and could not go.

I wish him well and hope he does eventually agree to guide another World Cup team, for an out and out attacker as a player, his teams will always play to win . . . by scoring more goals than their opponents rather than defending.

Great games of the past
May 18, 1960
European Cup Final

Real Madrid 7 (Puskas 44, 53 (pen), 60, 69, Di Stefano 26, 29, 62)
Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Kress 18, Stein 62, 74)
HT: 3-1. **Ref:** J. Mowatt (Scotland). **Att:** 128,000.

Real Madrid: Dominguez; Marquitos, Pachin; Vidal, Santamaria, Zarraga; Canario, Del Sol, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento.

Frankfurt: Loy; Lutz, Höfer; Weilbächer, Eigenbrodt, Stinka; Kress, Lindeer, Stein, Pfaff, Meier.

OF all the European Finals perhaps that of 1960 caught the imagination most and compared to the sterile affairs we see today it was an open and entertaining match. It was also the final with the biggest crowd and the most goals.

Just three years later the European Cup went to Italy and began to turn the annual big occasion into comparatively boring tactical battles, but this was a really open game with both sides fielding two wingers.

What brought in the record crowd was a combination of factors. First it was played at Hampden Park, Glasgow, and in the semi-finals Eintracht Frankfurt had eliminated Glasgow Rangers by a huge margin — beating the Scottish champions 6-1 in Frankfurt and 6-3 in Glasgow.

Real Madrid had already established themselves as the team of that period which everyone wanted to see so the prospect of Madrid meeting a fine German team looked to have all the ingredients of a great battle.

But although Real Madrid of that time had the great reputation I do not believe that they were a complete team. In fact their defence was definitely suspect with centre half Jose Santamaria the only really solid performer. But Madrid were a truly international side, able to sign almost at will, anyone they wanted to help add to the skills of the legendary Alfredo Di Stefano.

Di Stefano and goalkeeper Dominguez were Argentinian; Santamaria came from Uruguay; right winger Canario from Brazil, and of course there was also Ferenc Puskas of Hungary, a super-star in his own right.

Madrid's fifth consecutive final, they had prevented anyone else from winning the trophy for four years, but in this game it looked for a while as if that run was ending. Centre forward Di Stefano held back at first, waiting to get the 'feel' of the game but early on hardly saw the ball though he put in a terrific amount of running.

The Germans had the better of the early play and in fact their left winger Meier hit the Real cross-bar with an intended centre in the first minute. Then with 18 minutes on the clock Eintracht opened the scoring with an excellent goal.

Good ball

Lindner pushed a good ball down the right for the roving centre forward Stein to make ground and then cross low into the goalmouth and right winger Richard Kress side-footed the ball in. This was just, for at the end of the game Kress was the only German to have proved himself capable of performing at the exceptionally high level set by the Madrid super-stars.

Di Stefano was still playing deep, trying to get his team moving, but now he pressed forward twice to turn the game. Right winger Canario cross low and the ball evaded everyone to leave Di Stefano to turn the ball in at the far post, apparently popping up from nowhere after the Germans had led for seven minutes.

Three minutes later Di Stefano struck again when the German 'keeper failed to hold a low shot to his left by Canario. The ball ran loose and from close in Di Stefano hammered it into the roof of the net.

Now Madrid were on their way and after 40 minutes one of their workers, Vidal, hit a post with the German 'keeper beaten. But right before the break Puskas hit a third after Luis Del Sol had broken away but been caught. The ball ran loose on the left and Puskas hit a left foot bomb from an acute angle to make it 3-1.

After 53 minutes it was all over as a contest. Puskas sent left winger Gento away chasing a through pass but he was obstructed. The referee surprisingly awarded a penalty and Puskas promptly made it 4-1 from the spot.

Full of confidence now, the Real stars produced their party pieces to entertain the crowd, for this was their way. Win the games first, then put on a show.

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RECORD PROFITS BUT THEY ARE DECEPTIVE

OPPONENTS of the increase in size of the World Cup finals to 24 teams were dancing in delight just before Christmas when the 1982 accounts were revealed.

Although profits from the extravaganza in Spain were a record £19 million, this achievement is deceiving.

That £19 million was a 37 per cent improvement on the profits of £13 million profit Argentina in 1978. But given the leap in international inflation over the four years, the increase was worth perhaps as little as 20 per cent in real terms.

And that's not much when you consider the huge amount of extra expense in which FIFA and their officials, confederations and federations were involved in.

It's not much either when you recognise that Spain saw half as many teams again as Argentina — surely an excuse for far greater increases in fees for television rights and commercial work. Oddly, where Spain's much-criticised organisers did succeed was in selling match tickets. The final sale of 84 per cent — a record outstripping 81 per cent in Argentina — was remarkable given the increase in "nothing" matches, and owed much to the carefully-planned ticket packages (and even, dare I say it, the unlamented Mundiespaña!).

When FIFA look at the finances they may be disappointed, too. After all, president Joao Havelange had predicted originally that Spain would double the profit total from Argentina!

The finalists' federations were far from happy. Italy, the winners, carried away £1 million — a 'cut' based on matches played and attendances. In second place financially, surprisingly, came Poland with £800,000, followed by West Germany (runners-up in the football) with £750,000.

But though these sums seem huge, they too are deceiving. England profited by £515,000. But by the time the FA deducted preparation costs, players' pay and bonuses, fees to players' clubs and expenses, they were left with a mere £100,000 to plough back into the English game.

An estimate that each nation spent an average of £500,000 preparing for the finals appears excessive. But even taking that figure with a pinch of salt, it's easy to understand why Algeria went home so bitter. Not only did they feel robbed on the pitch (by the Germany-Austria 'fix') but off it as well — for they finished bottom of the share-out, picking up a meagre £62,000 which must have left their federation heavily in debt.

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PAOLO ROSSI, Michel Platini and Marco Tardelli had plenty to celebrate on the day their club, Juventus, beat Catanzaro 3-1.

For just before kick-off, all three had been presented with the Minibuses each had gained through winning the Iveco-sponsored Man of the March awards at the World Cup finals.

Rossi won the award at the Italy-Poland semi-final; Platini in the France-West Germany semi-final; and Tardelli in the Final itself.

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YOU CAN'T keep Paolo Rossi out of the awards. He won our own World Footballer of the Year pool, he won the World Cup Man of the Tournament prize, he is — apparently — the most popular player in China (!) . . . and to top it all he ran away with the European Footballer of the Year title.

Rossi polled 115 votes, almost double the total of surprise runner-up Alain Giresse (France), with 68. Juventus team-mate Zbigniew Boniek was third, with Italy's Bruno Conti fourth and West German skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge fifth.

They were all well clear of the rest of the field which, for the first time in years, did not include one British player.

Rossi was the first Italian winner since Gianni Rivera in 1969, and his success was merited, considering the remarkable nature of his comeback to the big time after a two-year suspension.

As for runner-up Giresse, one suspects that his place owed much to the fact that several of the international correspondents who contributed to the poll, organised as ever by the Paris weekly *France Football*, are in fact Paris-based.

As always in such polls, there were some strange votes. How Bernd Schuster managed to collect four votes when he was out of action for more than half the year and missed the World Cup, will remain a mystery.

Far more mysterious, certainly, than the absence of any Brits. A case has been put forward for the claims of England goalkeeper Peter Shilton or European Cup-winning captain Dennis Mortimer of Aston Villa to the odd vote or two.

But in World Cup year, no-one expects anyone but winners to get a look in — though, ironically, Kevin Keegan was the 1978 winner and England, of course, didn't get to Argentina . . .

1982 results: Paolo Rossi (Italy, Juventus) 115 votes; Alain Giresse (France, Bordeaux) 64; Zbigniew Boniek (Poland, Juventus) 53; Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (W. Germany, Bayern Munich) 51; Bruno Conti (Italy, Roma) 48; Rinat Dasayev (Soviet Union, Moscow Spartak) 17; Pierre Littbarski (WG, Köln) 10; Dino Zoff (Italy, Juventus) 9; Michel Platini (France, Juventus) 5; Bernd Schuster (WG, Barcelona) 4; Giancarlo Antognoni (Italy, Fiorentina) 3; Eric Gerets (Belgium, Standard Liege), Bruno Pezzey (Austria, Eintracht Frankfurt) and Gaetano Scirea (Italy, Juventus) 2 each; Paul Breitner (WG, Bayern), Torbjorn Nilsson (Sweden, Kaiserslautern), Walter Schachner (Austria, Cesena), Marco Tardelli (Italy, Juventus) and Marius Tresor (France, Bordeaux) all 1 each.

Past winners: 1956 Stanley Matthews. 1957 Alfred Di Stefano. 1958 Raymond Kopa. 1959 Di Stefano. 1960 Luis Suarez. 1961 Omar Sivori. 1962 Josef Masopust. 1963 Lev Yashin. 1964 Denis Law. 1965 Eusebio. 1966 Bobby Charlton. 1967 Florian Albert. 1968 George Best. 1969 Gianni Rivera. 1970 Gerd Müller. 1971 Johan Cruyff. 1972 Franz Beckenbauer. 1973 Cruyff. 1974 Cruyff. 1975 Oleg Blokhin. 1976 Beckenbauer. 1977 Allan Simonsen. 1978 Kevin Keegan. 1979 Keegan. 1980 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. 1981 Rummenigge. 1982 Paolo Rossi.

PAOLO ROSSI . . . European Footballer of the Year, in addition to everything else.

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ATHENS will stage the Champions' Cup final for the first time when the new Olympic Stadium is put to use for European football's annual prestige event on May 25.

The Cup-winners' final two weeks earlier will take place in the Ullevi stadium in Gothenburg.

There is no truth in the rumour that if Aston Villa or Liverpool reach the Champions' final, it will be switched to Salonika!

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OBITUARY I: **Briceno Pardo.** His name means little now, yet Párdo was the man responsible in 1939, for forming the infamous Millionarios of Bogota, in 1939, along with a friend, Antonio Jose Varga. A former mayor of Bogota and Finance Ministry lawyer, Pardo provided the cash backing which brought a host of foreign stars to the outlawed Colombian league in the late 1940s and early 1950s — among them Alfredo Di Stefano, Adolfo Pedernera and Nestor Rossi. Pardo died, aged 74.

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THE announcement that England would not, after all, be touring South America this summer was made belatedly. In fact Brazil had long since replaced their proposed game against England in Rio on June 8, with their opening European tour fixture against Portugal on the same date by the time the news appeared in London.

Brazil's European tour dates are as follows: June 8, v Portugal; June 12, v West Germany; June 17 or 18, v Switzerland; June 22, v Sweden.

Already that's meant problems back home. Flamengo and Gremio are leading the threat by major clubs to refuse to allow their players to go with the national squad. They claim that it was only the promise of a "clear" 1983 which persuaded them to give up their players to the national cause in preparation for the World Cup last year.

On the subject of Brazil, World Cup boss Tele Santana has come under heavy fire from Zico and 1970 skipper Carlos Alberto for the way he ran things in Spain. They say now there was not enough discipline on or off the field.

At least Al-Ahli in Saudi Arabia are happy with Santana. After only six weeks of his initial two-year contract, he had been offered a lucrative two-year extension.

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OTHER AWARDS . . . South American Footballer of the Year is Zico . . . Czechoslovakia player of the year is Jan Fiala (Dukla) . . . Polish top player is Andrzej Buncol . . . Brazil's No. 1 is Socrates . . . Sweden's Manager of the Year is Sven-Goran Eriksson (now Benfica) who guided IFK Gothenburg to the UEFA Cup.

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OBITUARY II: **Giovanni Ferrari.** Along with Giuseppe Meazza (who died four years ago) Ferrari was the only Italian to play in both the 1934 and 1938 World Cup-winning sides. An inside left, he began with Alessandria, won the majority of his 44 caps while with Juventus, and later played alongside Meazza at Ambrosiana-Inter. Coincidentally, both he and Meazza made their Italy debuts in the same game, a 4-2 win over Switzerland in Rome in February, 1930. His last international was a 1-0 win over France in Naples in December, 1938. Ferrari died aged 75.

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FEBRUARY MATCHES — Feb. 12: EC — Cyprus-Italy . . . Feb 15: Deadline for signings to be eligible for European club finals; S. American Youth championship starts . . . Feb. 16: EC — Spain-Holland (Seville); Portugal-France (friendly); E21 — Spain-Holland . . . Feb. 23: England-Wales, Portugal-West Germany.

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IT WAS inevitable that a statistical survey of the clubs' all-time entries in the European competitions should hit a few gremlins along the way.

Please note these corrections/clarifications to the series run in recent issues:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Bohemians: CWC — UEFA: 76, 80, 81, 82, 83. DENMARK — B1909: CC: 60, 65, 66. CWC: 63, 72. UEFA; —. Fairs: 69, 70. B1913: Fairs: 65. KB: Fairs: 61, 65, 66. OB: CC: 79. ENGLAND: For Sheffield United, read Sheffield Wednesday. FRANCE — Strasbourg: CC: 80. CWC: 67. UEFA: 79. Fairs: 62, 65, 66. ITALY — Inter: CC: 64, 65, 66, 67, 72, 81. CWC: 79, 83. UEFA: 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 82. Fairs: 58, 60, 61, 62, 70, 71. SPAIN — Atletico Madrid: UEFA: 72, 75, 80, 82.

1982 WORLD CUP FINALS — Balance Sheet

	£
Income:	
Ticket sales	11,445,408
TV rights	11,142,857
Commercial, etc	10,285,714
Match fees (for pre-finals friendlies)	57,143
Total income	32,931,122
Expenses:	
Taxes	1,716,811
FIFA dues	681,074
Stadium fees	1,716,811
Travel expenses	715,898
Teams' accommodation	1,364,142
Travel and acc. for refs and linesmen	347,968
FIFA officials' tvl and acc.	1,510,493
FIFA admin. costs	486,429
FIFA special expenses	330,074
Insurance	1,600,571
Other expenses (Press, dope control, etc.)	2,620,320
Total expenses	13,090,591
Profit:	19,840,531
(compared with £13,041,624 in 1978)	
Profit split:	
To FIFA (10 per cent)	1,984,053
To hosts Spain (25 pc)	4,960,133
To finalists (65 pc)	12,896,345

Finalists' split includes Italy £1 million; Poland £800,000; West Germany £750,000; France £725,000; Argentina £675,000; Spain £600,000; Brazil £575,000; England £515,000; Scotland £300,000; Algeria (last) £62,000.

IN REPLY TO . . . S. E. Smith, Huntingdon: The European Championship match between Rumania and Cyprus on May 1 was played in Hunedoara. The European Under-21 tie between the countries on the same day was played in Limassol. . . . A. Mayhew, Thundersley, Essex: Match details of Hungary-Turkey and W. Germany-Belgium, for Sept 22 and unfortunately omitted from previous editions, are included this month. Norway-Holland was NOT a full international . . . Joseph Aswah, Brooklyn, New York: The address of publishers Faber & Faber is 3 Queen Sq., London WC1N 3AU. . . . Stefan Tarres, Dalby, Sweden: All the books you mention are out of print. Your best chance of obtaining them is through second-hand and programme dealers. Among the most prolific of British football book publishers are Pelham, 44 Bedford Square, London WC1, and Hamlyn, Astronaut House, Feltham, Middlesex . . . Roberto Fisher, Port Talbot: Yes, it's a different Balevsky in the Levsky team now, compared with three years ago! . . . C. G. Todd, London: All past Fairs' Cup results can be found in the current edition of Rothmans. . . . Peter Morris, Goatstown, Dublin: There is no one publication which lists all European international line-ups since 1970. World Soccer has carried the majority since 1978 and many previous to then. Martin Hoffmann was born on March 22, 1955 and has won 68 caps. Hans-Jürgen Dörner has 80 and Joachim Streich 86.

Rapid Vienna ahead

RECORD CHAMPIONS Rapid Vienna completed the first half of the season at the top of the table, two points clear of their old foes FK Austria. At the same time they repeated their challengers feat: Rapid are the first unbeaten side at the half-way stage since 1968, when FK Austria were the so called "autumn champions".

Rapid achieved ten wins and five draws and a goal tally of 36-7. Everything points to the green-and-whites winning their 27th title. Their centre-forward Hans Krankl was top scorer with 13 goals ahead of Bakota (Sturm Craz) and Peter Pacult (Wiener Sportklub) on 11 each.

But the redoubtable Krankl has now returned to his previous club CF Barcelona, because Rapid allegedly did not pay the outstanding amount on his transfer fee. The sum in question is a measly £70,000, but Rapid are hard up. The Austrian FA (OFB) was forced to suspend Krankl till March 5.

The loss of Maradona (an unidentified liver complaint, either hepatitis or jaundice) has persuaded the Katalans to examine their options and they want Krankl back.

For their part the OFB have asked the Spanish FA to suspend the former Uruguayan, now Austrian citizen. Alberto Martinez. He is playing for Las Palmas under the Austrian coach Walter Skocik, but the club still owe Wiener Sportklub a transfer fee.

The first stage of the season was disappointing from the point of view of finances for many clubs. Austria Salzburg, for instance, trying to save money on an overnight stay, travelled by bus starting out at 5 am for Vienna to arrive an hour before kick-off to play FK Austria.

Linzer ASK asked their opponents Grazer AK to postpone the kick-off for an hour so they could take to the road on the day of the match.

Austria's oldest club the First Vienna, organised a novel gag to draw spectators. Those who live in a certain street in the vicinity of their old legendary ground "Hohe Warte" and could prove it by means of identification, paid admission for the match against Grazer AK amounting to four (yes, four) pence!

FK Austria, the only club to reach the quarter-finals of a European tournament, drew a plum when they were paired with the Cup Winners' Cup holders CF Barcelona.

The club strengthen their ranks with the acquisition of three players: full-back Josef Degeorgi (ex-Admira/Waxker), who was one of Austria's best players in the World Cup finals; the former Czechoslovak international sweeper Libor Radimec (Banik Ostrava) and the five times capped Yugoslav midfielder Dzemal Mustedanagic (Dynamo Zagrab).

CROWDS DOWN IN BUNDESLIGA

THE first half of the season brought the lowest attendances for eight years. The total of nearly 3.4 million spectators in 153 games (average 21,598) is only just higher than the 3.35 million fans registered in 1974.

The best supported team were Bayern Munich (aggregate 381,946) with an average of over 40,000 per home match; the lowest gates were at Bayer Leverkusen, total 76,180, average about 8,000. A total of 496 goals were scored — 35 fewer than at this stage last year. There were just four sendings off, 312 bookings, 36 penalties were awarded — 20 fewer than a year ago.

Hamburger SV remained unbeaten in 35 league matches and retained the leadership. Nearest challengers are Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund and Werder Bremen. But Hamburg were sensationally knocked out of the DFB-Cup by lowly Hertha in Berlin by 2-1. The new cup favourites are Cologne with VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Dortmund.

The quarter-final pairings are as follows: Borussia Mönchengladbach v. Fortuna Cologne; VfB Stuttgart v. Hertha Berlin; Borussia Dortmund v. VfL Bochum and FC Cologne v. Arminia Bielefeld, or Schalke, who were due to replay their drawn tie on January 19. The quarter-finals will take place on February 12.

Interval

The Bundesliga rested till January 22. The West Germans enjoy this short interval for their season starts much earlier than in most European countries and then runs into June. They then have just a few weeks off in the summer, so they make up for it with a short mid-winter break. But all clubs start training a week after Christmas and they have also arranged a programme of friendlies, some abroad, or in indoor tournaments.

Some clubs have ventured into warmer climates. Eintracht Brunswick for example stayed between January 3 and 14 in the Canary Islands; Hamburger SV in the South of France; Eintracht Frankfurt spent 11 days in Greece; Borussia Dortmund were in Spain; Borussia Mönchengladbach played two games in Israel where they beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 and an Israeli Olympic XI by 3-1.

Latest statistics of the bonuses paid in the Bundesliga make interesting reading. Hamburger SV the champions and Bayern Munich the cup holders pay, as expected, more than other clubs. Players of both these giants have already collected £8,250 each this season; next came VfB Stuttgart who paid out £7,000 per player. Most clubs reward their men with a bonus of between £250 and £400 per point. Bayern pay the most — £1,000 for an away win, £750 for a home victory.

This system is being attacked in some quarters as contributory to the financial crisis. Borussia Dortmund, who pay £250 per point, want to abolish the practice altogether. Most clubs who are hard up, want to see a general system of "payment by results", or in accordance with the gate receipts.

The DFB would like to see every club paying out only what they earn, from gate takings, and commercial enterprises. But everybody is agreed that the financial problems are mainly due to excessive remuneration paid to the professional footballers. Hamburger SV have paid their players in the past 12 months a total of £250,000 in bonuses alone. Altogether the 18 First Division clubs paid out a massive £1.2 million in bonuses this season alone.

New moves are afoot to ease the economic problems of the Bundesliga clubs. At a recent sports forum in Dortmund representatives of four clubs stated that they will propose at the next annual meeting of the DFB the creation of Limited Companies to replace the present club structures.

This way of running clubs, already in existence in England for a century, would revolutionise German professional football. Whether it would solve the financial plight of many Bundesliga clubs is quite another matter. The chairmen of Schalke, Eintracht Brunswick, Borussia Dortmund and VfL Bochum seem to think that this is the answer.

A poll conducted by the illustrated weekly magazine *Quick* shows that many Bundesliga footballers would agree to cuts in their salary in order to help their clubs avoid bankruptcy. Players of VfL Bochum have already accepted a ten per cent reduction in their wages. The professionals of relegated MSV Duisburg have also voted unanimously to accept a 15 per cent cut, after learning that instead of the expected average attendance of 8,000, only 4,500 have been registered.

The international Lothar Matthäus (Borussia Mönchengladbach) said he was prepared to have £4,000 deducted from his annual salary to prop up the club's ailing finances. Former internationals Magath (Hamburger SV) and Rüssman (Borussia Dortmund) agreed, but stipulated that they would then expect to have a say in the club's business affairs.

Bayern Munich, having been eliminated from the DFB Cup, and hoping to compensate for lost revenue, arranged three friendly games before Christmas for which they collected £25,000. The Bavarians played a Luxembourg XI, then the amateur clubs Duisburg '08' and OSC Bremerhaven. But this excursion was spoiled when full-back Udo Horsmann suffered pulled ligaments and was put out of action for two months. Captain Paul Breitner also had to undergo, albeit a minor operation, to remove fluid from his knee.

Breitner nearing 32, was going to decide in the New Year whether he will sign on for another year or pack it in at the end of the season. He is one of six players whose contracts are running out in June. The others are Del'Haye, Dürnberger, Krass, Hoeness and Horsmann. Most of them will probably stay on, but Horsmann, who will be 31 on March 30, is said to be negotiating with a Swiss club. In addition, the contract of team manager Pal Csernai is also due for renewal. His future more than that of any player is at present depending on the success or failure of the club in the second half of the season.

reports from Arthur Rotmil

Paul Breitner, captain of Bayern Munich and one of their recent injury victims.

Cologne reported a net profit for last year of £65,000. The playing staff cost £2½ million, but the football team brought in a profit of £300,000. Total takings were £3,392 million, expenses £3,329 million. £1,46 million was collected from league matches, £221,000 from friendly games; £15,000 from cup matches; £190,000 from television fees, advertising and other commercial ventures. Over £1 million came from player transfers.

The club enjoyed a profitable first half of the season. In the recent league match against Hamburger SV they drew 52,000; 61,000 (full house) saw the UEFA Cup tie v. Glasgow Rangers and 49,000 the next round match v. AS Roma.

Demise

The first week in December was a bad one for the Rhinelanders. They lost at home to VfB Stuttgart and then crashed out of the UEFA Cup. But their demise against Roma was precipitated by their own bad tempered players. The internationals Littbarski and Strack, who after two bookings were banned from the first leg, just like defender Willmer who had been sent off in a previous tie, were spectators as Cologne won at home just 1-0.

In Rome they missed Strack again who was then injured, as well as Steiner who had picked up a second caution. Without their regular central defenders Cologne were up against it and a goal two minutes from time by the Brazilian Falcao clinched the tie for the Italians.

Rainer Bonhof, capped 53 times but at 30 no longer commanding a first team place, left Cologne for £100,000 to join Hertha Berlin. In his place Cologne engaged their former player Herbert Neumann (29). He spent two rather fruitless years in Italy with Udinese and Bologna. The latter owed him some money which Neumann waived in lieu of a free transfer, so he cost Cologne nothing. Neumann recently negotiated with Arsenal, but was eventually glad to get back home.

Victory

The former famous team manager Willi "Fischken" Multhaup died of a heart attack at the age of 79. Multhaup led Borussia Dortmund to the first European victory by a German club when they won the Cup Winners' Cup in 1966, after beating West Ham in the semi-final and Liverpool in the final in Glasgow. He first played and then coached at ETB Schwarz-Weiss Essen and Tura Essen, later he took Preussen Münster to the German national championship final which they lost to Kaiserslautern, in 1951.

But his greatest triumphs Multhaup celebrated in the 'sixties, for apart from winning the Cup Winners tournament he also took Werder Bremen to their only league championship in 1965 and Cologne to the Cup victory in 1968.

I knew Multhaup well, for I assisted him as an interpreter on behalf of West Ham during a four-day stay in London when Borussia Dortmund played the "Hammers" in their European tie in April 1966. I was then invited by both clubs for the return leg in Germany.

Schalke's goalkeeper Norbert Nigbur (34) capped six times, has won his case against the club. Because of poor form the management insisted that he stays away from the ground until further notice. This was a case similar to the one concerning Justin Fashanu at Nottingham Forest where the black striker ignored Brian Clough's ban and was escorted from the ground by two policeman.

Nigbur appealed to an Employment Court who ordered Schalke to let the 'keeper train at the stadium. Experts now fear that this interference by the judiciary could upset the legal status and structure of professional football clubs in West Germany.

Schalke meanwhile, who loaned 'keeper Junghans from Bayern Munich, were prepared to release Nigbur for a nominal fee of £12,500.

Swiss win away

THE Swiss national team ended the year with a 3-1 away victory over Greece. Switzerland's fourth away success under Paul Wolfisberg in 20 months and the first time for 20 years in which the Swiss scored three away goals.

The astonishing statistic was that the Swiss only had six chances, but Sulser (2) an Egli converted half of them – for a Swiss side an unusually high ratio. One should not forget that the Greeks were poor opposition; Switzerland's leading sports paper Sport *described them as "the weakest of all 17 teams against whom they played during Wolfisberg's reign."*

The record under Wolfisberg is truely remarkable. In 17 games against some of the world's leading sides, the Swiss lost only three, v. Hungary, Spain and Belgium, all away.

But they beat and drew against world champions Italy, drew away with Brazil, defeated Czechslovakia, England, Holland and Scotland, among others. Nine wins, five draws and only three setbacks – Paul Wolfisberg must be proud of his achievements.

He has restored the pride in the national team, he has given the players confidence and belief in themselves, removed the old inferiority complex which often paralysed Swiss teams before supposedly superior opponents. But above all he has found a settled side and a clear concept on how they should play.

Against Greece the team chief tried zonal marking, but without great success. He acknowledges that defenders who throughout their career have been taught strict man-for-man marking, cannot switch and change their methods suddenly.

Switzerland's successes have been confirmed by the ratings abroad. For the first time in a long while the national team is ranked among the ten top nations in Europe. Of course, the real proof of their potential will come in the imminent battles to qualify for the European championship.

Their remaining programme of fixtures till the end of the season is as follows: March 9, v. Bulgaria in Burgas; March 30, v. Scotland (European Championship) in Glasgow; April 13, v. Soviet Union in Lausanne; May 14, v. East Germany (EC) in Bern; June 17, v. Brazil in Basel.

In the league championship the winter break in the First Division began at the end of November; the Second Division broke off a week later. The programme will resume on Fbruary 27. The League Cup has incidentally been abolished.

Thanks to a 7-0 win over hapless Aarau, the champions Grasshoppers leapt to the top ahead of Servette on goal difference. Servette with only eight goals conceded in 15 games clearly boast the best defence. Gates were slightly below last season's.

Gentlemen of Verona big hits in Italy

TWO gentlemen of Verona are proving a big hit in Italy — not the Shakespearean version, but the football production being staged by Jose Dirceu and Wladyslaw Zmuda.

While Roma steal most of the headlines with their table-topping and UEFA Cup exploits, they at least are all too well aware of the threat being posed by the unsung provincial team newly promoted back into the top-flight.

At press time Verona are one point behind Roma, having won eight of their 14 games, and losing just two. Their tally of 21 goals is second only to Roma's 23.

Yet by Italian standards the team cost little. The most expensive player is right winger Pietro Fanna, for whom Verona paid champions Juventus £600,000 at the end of last season. Dirceu, the Brazilian World Cup midfielder, cost only a £200,000 signing-on fee, since he had agreed with his last club, Atletico Madrid, that he could go free at the end of his contract.

Zmuda, the Polish World Cup stopper in the finals of 1974, 1978 and 1982 cost slightly more — ironically, since he's been out of action for much of this season with knee trouble. So the most expensive defender in fact is Luciano Marangon who was playing for Roma last year and was unlucky not to make the World Cup squad. Marangon cost £325,000 in the fourth move of a career which appeared to have ended before it had begun when he was cast away by Juventus as an untried 19-year-old in 1975.

Vicenza soon made him a first-teamer and he moved to Napoli in 1980 and Roma a year later. Now, together with veteran stopper Luciano Spinosi, he can also boast of having been perhaps underrated as a player by both Verona's chief championship challengers — Roma and Juventus.

The truth is that Verona, far from becoming complacent after earning promotion, virtually rebuilt the team with six major newcomers. Much of the credit for such pragmatism must go to coach Osvaldo Bagnoli, who had few illusions that his promotion-winning team would last long in *Serie A* unaided.

To be fair, he did not expect his team to be flying so high at the halfway stage, either, and readily admits his delight in the form of Dirceu, one of the outstanding foreigners involved in *Calcio* right now.

by

Keir Radnedge

Dirceu had led quite a chequered career. After winning three domestic titles with three different teams in Brazil he quit his country after the 1978 World Cup — when he was Brazil's best player — and spent an unhappy year in Mexico. Moving on to Atletico Madrid he displayed his skills inconsistently and was caught up several times in conflict with the coaches. Once, indeed, he was sacked only to be reinstated.

At the end of last term his future appeared bleak. He was in Brazil's World Cup squad, but could clearly expect little opportunity in the finals; his Atletico contract having expired only Sporting Lisbon — briefly — showed any interest; and it was because of this apparent full stop in his career that Dirceu very nearly became caught up with the English-organised pirate tour to South Africa.

Now it was that Verona, desperate for some skill in midfield, signed him. Their own uncertainty about Dirceu was demonstrated by the fact that they gave him only a one-year contract — a move they are now regretting, since their chances of holding him after this season are uncertain.

Dirceu isn't thinking too far ahead. He says: "At the start of the season we thought we would do well if we finished around eighth or ninth. Sure, we're going well now but there's a long way to go. Our original thinking still holds up."

Eugenio Bersellini, coach of Torino, said wistfully of Verona: "The big plus for them is having an efficient club in which everything runs smoothly and in a city where the pressures aren't too overbearing. This is their season!"

Roma, of course, might not agree, particularly now that Paolo Roberto Falcao is back in World Cup form after a slow start to the season. Falcao scored a fine goal in the 89th minute to edge Roma past Köln in the EUFA Cup and then scored another — and was the star — in a 2-1 victory over Internazionale.

Inter president Ivanoe Fraizzoli raged at his confused team afterwards, in particular blaming anonymous midfielders Hansi Müller and Evaristo Beccalossi. But much of his anger stemmed probably from embarrassment at the cultured performance in the Roma midfield of Herbert Prohaska . . . whom Fraizzoli sold to them at the end of last season.

Sure enough, coach Rino Marchesi took the hint and Beccalossi was dropped for the next game, against Juventus. Inter's executive director, Sandro Mazzola, must have felt he was fighting a losing battle. He has been trying in vain all season to persuade the players to be more cautious in talking to the press — now here was the president blowing his top right across the media.

Inter, in fourth place, still have hopes of moving in on the title once Roma, Juventus and Verona begin taking points off each other on the run-in. But these four are virtually all on their own thanks to the swift collapse of the expected challenges from Napoli and Fiorentina.

The Florence club are in all sorts of trouble. Coach Picchio De Sisti has hung on to his job, but his task has been complicated by the outbursts of skipper Giancarlo Antognoni and *his* president, Ranieri Pontello.

Antognoni upset an already battered morale by declaring that the club had blundered in signing Argentine defender Daniel Passarella when it was a striker they needed; and Pontello threw the club into further chaos by announcing his impending resignation . . . and then deciding to stay on.

At least Fiorentina are better off than Napoli, now propping up the bottom of the table despite the efforts of Dutch veteran Rudi Krol. New coach Bruno Pesaola has troubles here though it says much for morale among the players that they were at one in requesting a return to the system of ritiros before every match — the 'seclusion' practice disliked by previous coach Massimo Giacomini.

Down at the bottom of the table, alongside Napoli, are Catanzaro. When you're down, nothing goes right. Poor Catanzaro had their ground closed for one game because of crowd trouble, then couldn't even hold their own when presented with a goal by a rare Dino Zoff blunder on visiting Juventus.

The champions eventually won 3-1 despite the absence of injury victims Antonio Cabrini and Gaetano Scirea and the continuing doubts over the fitness of Michel Platini and the adaptability of Zbigniew Boniek. Add to this a leg injury which could keep Paolo Rossi out until March and you have a good part of the reason why Juventus are not such hot title favourties as usual.

There are some famous names, of course, in the *Serie B*. Lazio lead the promotion race on 23 points, followed by Milan — and Joe Jordan — on 21. Jordan has scored seven goals this season which makes him one of the top marksmen in the division and his form, plus the impeccable defensive abilities of sweeper Franco Baresi combine to make Milan look even better promotion bets than the always-unpredictable Lazio.

Further down the table — in 13th place to be exact — you can find the saddest story of the season. This is where Bologna, relegated from the first division last season for the first time in their history, are to be found, drifting, rudderless . . . now that president Tommaso Fabbretti has been arrested on charges of business fraud.

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Question No. 5. "Which seven countries will qualify alongside France for the Finals of the European Championship?"

A very difficult question, because in several groups, the situation at present is far from clear.

In Group I, however, Scotland's chances are remote, Belgium look a cast-iron certainty, unless Switzerland pull out a string of great performances from their bag. In Group II, Russia have hardly started, Portugal beat Poland, but there are many vital matches to play.

On sheer class, I take Russia to qualify. England have no worries in Group III, "dark horses" Hungary will not present any great danger. Wales have an excellent opportunity to reach a major final in Group IV, their lucky win against Norway and creditable draw in Yugoslavia guarantee that only Bulgaria remain a threat.

To my mind, Italy blew their chances in Group V — two home draws were really terrible results.

The Czechs are playing better than Rumania and Sweden, and although there is a long way to go, I forecast a surprise here — elimination for the World Champions and qualification for Czechoslovakia.

Belgium – no change!

from Philip Smith

MUCH as it would be a headline story to write that Tongeren headed the Belgian league by ten points at the Christmas break, the fact is that not unexpectedly Tongeren were propping up the other 17 clubs and Standard Liege and Anderlecht were filling the top two positions.

Not that the big two have had things all their own way. With half the league programme complete only five points separated the top nine teams, and in view of the relative equality prevailing through the league it might be appropriate this month to give each team a half term mention.

Standard have remained top since beating then leaders Beveren on November 7. Unpredictable as usual, the men from Liege often follow sheer brilliance by stunning mediocrity, a case in point being a 4-1 home win over Antwerp then a 3-1 reversal at lowly Cercle Brugge. Of the pre-season purchases Grundel has quickly slotted in whereas Geurts has swapped the Anderlecht bench for Standard's. The European exit by Juventus means everything now goes into retaining the title.

Van Himst's arrival in the Anderlecht hot seat has coincided with an unbeaten league run of nine matches. Czerniatynski returned to first team action and took great satisfaction in scoring when Anderlecht defeated his former club Antwerp. The points lost early on have now been recovered and the mauve and whites look destined for the top before too long.

Level on points with Anderlecht were Waterschei and Club Brugge. Waterschei trainer Ernst Kunnecke doesn't think his team is capable of taking the title and would settle for a finish high enough to qualify for European action. Voordeckers has rediscovered his form to get back into contention for his old Belgian place, and that's one in the eye for the trainer who was against his arrival. So far the only blackspot for last season's cup-winners has been their exit at Standard from this year's competition.

Club Brugge have gone about their rebuilding task in a consistent manner and credit for that is due to trainer Georg Kessler, who has basically stuck with last season's squad and moulded them into a workmanlike, hard to beat outfit.

Fifth on 21 points were Lokeren, having a strange look about them minus Lubanski but retaining the international flavour in attack, as the Dane Larsen now lines up alongside the Icelander Gudjohnsen and the club's leading scorer this term, new Dutch international Van der Gijp. A solidly experienced side, Lokeren will doubtless finish in a decent spot but might find competition for UEFA Cup places tougher than in recent years.

Grouped together below Lokeren were their local rivals Gent, who started slowly but are now finding form, Beveren, who started well then fell away and Antwerp, who have been slightly better than average throughout.

Whilst they have not yet reached the heights achieved last season, Gent have once again been a fine example of the hard work put in by Robert Goethals. As with Lokeren, experience is a key factor in the set-up, ex-internationals Busk and Cordiez giving solid support to Dutch striker Koudyzer, who may now be 35 but is still one of the best finishes in the Belgian game.

Beveren of course now line-up without Van Moer and Pfaff, but in the 18-year-old Philippe De Wide they have unearthed a keeper who may one day replace his illustrious predecessor in the national team. The German Albert headed the scoring list at Christmas and the last time he ended up leading goalscorer Beveren won the championship.

It is ironic that Anderlecht haven't given Czerniatynski a regular game yet Antwerp trainer Davidovic would give up half his team to get his former star player back. In fact Davidovic could have been reunited with Czerniatynski earlier in the season, but the Yugoslav trainer turned down the chance to be seen for the Anderlecht job.

The Antwerp team has a number of promising youngsters but Davidovic is aware that a couple of quality players are missing and until they are found Antwerp will continue to be on the verge of a breakthrough.

RWDM have had a lean spell in recent years and last summer appointed ex-Anderlecht player Jean Dockx as the man to sort out the problems left by the wandering Dutchman Cor Brom. Dockx was forced into giving youth a fling and must be pleased at the way his team is gradually shaping up. The midfield leadership of Boskamp has been badly missed but the likes of Dewolf, Verheeke, Jansen and Thychosen proved a solid backbone. Problems may arise when the contracts of all four run out at the end of the season.

Both Lierse and Kortrijk can safely be classified as middle of the table outfits. Dany Verlinden has done a fine job replacing veteran Carl Engelen in the Lierse goal, which is just as well as the goals flow has been substantially reduced since Vandenbergh's move. The most notable event so far in Kortrijk's season was the opening of their new stand for the game against Club Brugge, though to be fair the Algerian Zidane proved by scoring both his team's goals in the draw at Anderlecht that he is one of the better foreigners in the league.

Alex Czerniatynski of Anderlecht.

After six matches of the campaign Beerschot were top of the table with ten points and Cercle Brugge were bottom with one. In heading the league Beerschot had won at Standard, giving 38-year-old Nico De Bree another memorable night to add to the many he enjoyed in the Anderlecht goal.

The next 11 games were worth only five points to Rik Coppens' side though and at the break only one point separated them from Cercle, whose form during November and December was not bettered by any other team. By the end of the season Cercle may well have places in hand over Beerschot.

Waregem and Winterslag are small town teams with small ambitions of staying in the top flight for as long as possible. Financially both clubs haven't a prayer compared with the bigger city rivals and when Winterslag, for example, lose good players like Lambrichts and Billen they have little chance of immediately finding suitable replacements. At least both teams will enter the second half of the season in good heart, the last games in December giving Winterslag a home point against Standard and Waregem a point at Gent.

FC Liege have struggled as usual and the Belgian league wouldn't seem right if they ever managed to remain in the top half of the table for any length of time. Just before the new year deadline for signing foreign imports Liege recruited Lipka from Koln and Calasan from Dynamo Zagreb and though not household names they may be enough to keep their employers from relegation for another year.

The third Liege club, Seraing, moved up into the top sphere with high hopes and started the season fairly well. Then all of a sudden things went wrong, a run of heavy defeats culminated in a 2-7 thrashing by Waterschei. Boardroom politics came to the fore and trainer Yves Baré was replaced by his assistant Claude Bissot, but only after Tomislav Ivic had wisely decided that he didn't want his fingers burnt twice in one season. Bissot's first match in charge ended in a well earned point at Beveren, and even if the team do eventually prove to be good enough there has to be a question mark against the people who run it.

And that brings us back to where we started, with Tongeren at the foot of the table and likely to stay in and around that position for the rest of the season.

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from Lou Economopoules

PEACE may be about to break about in the long-running saga of Juan Ramon Rocha — or Boublis, as he has been known since arriving in Athens from Boca Juniors.

For the past two years the entire Greek league and cup structure has been assailed by claim and counter claim over whether Rocha-Boublis, signed by Panathinaikos and fielded as a Greek national, really *was* Greek.

Now the disciplinary commission of the federation has ruled that Rocha has no family relationship in Greece and is pure Argentine.

However they have ruled that he was not guilty of forging the transfer and registration papers and that this was the fault of since-replaced officials of Panathinaikos.

Rocha can play — as a foreigner — which means Panathinaikos, who already had Tsheu La Ling of Holland and the Norwegian Arne Dokken, have sent the Scandinavian off on loan to Ethnikos for the rest of the season.

AEK and Olympiakos are still muttering that Rocha must have known about the forgery when he signed the relevant forms in the name of Boublis (!), and that he should be handed a three-year suspension. But at least there will be no more protests about Panathinaikos' right to league or cup victories because of fielding an ineligible player.

At least AEK claimed an important victory over Panathinaikos when the teams met in the league, AEK scoring an impressive 2-1 success.

It was the first league win at Panathinaikos in 12 years. Two goals by Vagelis Vlahos were enough for the winners who had not been up in first place for several years.

"This team can win the championship," said AEK manager Tschik Cajkovski. "Their all-round strength is fantastic. I told people this last summer. Now my words are coming true."

AEK came away with a 1-1 tie from Olympiakos earlier in November and also beat Panionios 1-0.

While things are going well for AEK, one of their players is having trouble with the law. Star defender Dimitris Karagiozopoulos was sentenced to 18 months in jail for seducing a 15-year-old girl.

As for Panathinaikos, they had two youngsters in the line-up against AEK, 18-year-old Dimopoulos and 20-year-old Mavridis. The reasons were injury to last term's top scorer Grigoris Haralambidis

Csepel lead at the winter break

by Leslie Vernon

CSEPEL are the autumn champions of Hungary. They grabbed the lead in the last round when they beat Ferencvaros 3-1, and their greatest rivals, Raba ETO, lost against Ujpest Dozsa 1-0.

The provincial team, Raba, were leading the field all the season, and their last lapse is a big surprise. Csepel, a suburban team in Budapest, with average attendance of about 4,000, have been steady rather than spectacular. They were only beaten once during the campaign, but they drew six of their matches.

The team, for years a mediocre mid-table outfit, under the shrewd management of veteran coach Mihaly Keszthelyi, played well in every game, and it is highly possible that the Hungarian Olympic squad will be based on them.

They beat Pecs 1-0 with a Budavari goal on November 6, and were leading the table briefly, but on the following day, Raba ETO triumphed 3-0 against Ferencvaros at Budapest and took over on top of the table.

But Raba dropped a point at home against Vasas (2-2), lost at Debrecen, and their adventurous football cost them the lead at the half-way stage.

Their best match perhaps was against the ever-improving Honved — a 1-0 home victory in an excellent game. It was a much-awaited encounter, because Raba's last home defeat was twenty months ago — against Honved.

In this game, Honved had an obvious chance to grab the lead — they were awarded a penalty in the 41st minute, when Hannich tripped Dajka in the box. But the nervous Kerepeczky missed the spotkick when he put the ball yards over the target.

In the 59th minute, the same player, Kerepeczky, was sent-off, and the 10-men Honved defence was breached in the last minute of the game, when substitute Vagi scored following a Poczik free-kick.

Raba, despite their one point disadvantage, remain firm favourites to win the championship. Honved are third, they beat Videoton 3-0 in the last round, and previously defeated MTK/VM 1-0.

In a poor game, Varga got the winning goal for the Army team. Vasas and Ujpest Dozsa follow Honved, these teams relied more on the fighting qualities of their players than on sheer class.

Dozsa were without Torocsik for weeks, and Nyilasi was also absent through injury for Ferencvaros.

"Fradi" had a disastrous "second half" during the season, losing week after week and going out of the UEFA-Cup against F.C. Zurich.

Their one bright spot was the match against Bekescsaba — a totally uncharacteristic 8-3 win! Poloskei 2, Mortel, Koch, Banki, Pogany, Szabadi and Rubold scored their goals, but there was only a miserly 3,000 crowd at the Nepstadium to see this massacre.

Ferencvaros are now sixth with six points behind the leaders, Csepel. They must improve during the spring, otherwise manager Dezso Novak's position will become very difficult.

The last two places on the table are occupied by Nyiregyhaza and Zalaegerszeg, both have 11 points, Pecs are on 12, and there are several teams with 13.

Consequently, there will be a mighty battle to avoid relegation during the second half of the season, which starts at the end of February.

In the meantime, both the "A" team and the Under 21 side go on tour. The seniors will go to South America, the youngsters will be playing matches in Europe and the Middle East.

Kalman Meszoly, national team manager, expects a great improvement during the tours, he realises the size of the tasks ahead.

"England played brilliantly in Greece," he said. "We'll have a very difficult job against them in the European Championship. Greece were not allowed to show their true form, they will also be hard to beat on their own soil.

"I saw the Luxembourg-Denmark match as well, neither team impressed me, although I know that the Danes can play better, especially in Copenhagen."

BORDEA LIKE A

STRANGE how sometimes French teams in European competition rise superbly above their apparent physical, technical and moral means to conquer, as Saint Etienne not long since did on the ground of a bemused Hamburg, but sometimes sink like stones, as Bordeaux did on the ground of Universitatea Craiova.

There, they went down with barely a struggle, even though their team included such major stars as Trésor, who has now of course matched Roger Marche's record number of caps, Tigana, Giresse and Lacombe.

The Girondins, who had previously done so well in the UEFA Cup against Iena and Hajduk, lay down and died, helped materially by the fact that a perfectly good Craiova goal was disallowed when the ball had crossed the line; yet evidently not helped enough.

Saint Etienne, in their prime, had a courage and a dash which are clearly denied to Bordeaux; and Saint Etienne, think goodness, have now survived. Catastrophe loomed after Roger Rocher's admissions and denunciations.

It may yet take a long time before Saint Etienne are anything like the mighty force they used to be, but at least there is now a chance to pick up the pieces. "The hate which had dominated and exacerbated the discussions," wrote one French columnist," seemed irresistibly to be leading Saint Etienne to destruction."

But the Mayor of Saint Etienne and leading figures in the League and Federation vigorously intervened, and disaster was by a whisker adverted. The ten man group now running Saint Etienne is made up of four supporters of the controversial Rocher, four of his opponents, a representative of the town council and one from the Federation. Much remains to be done under the benign and intelligent chairmanship of Paul Bressy, a period of extreme economy is obviously essential if bankruptcy is to be avoided, but there are now substantial hopes that all this can be done.

Too late, alas, for Saint Etienne to get the better of the buoyant Nantes team, which won a midweek match at the Stade Geoffroy Guichard. But then who are going to stop

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and the fact that La Ling was serving a one match suspension.

"I am very upset. We lost so stupidly," said Panathinaikos boss Stefan Kovacs. Panathinaikos are tied for third place with surprising Giannena and Aris.

In the unconvincing 1-0 triumph by Panathinaikos over Apollon, La Ling raised his foot towards Alekos Papageorgiou and struck him in the chest. La Ling was shown the red card by the referee and Papageorgiou needed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"I took a walk to the other world and came back as there were no real nice-looking girls there," said a remarkably cool Papageorgiou about the incident in which he stopped breathing for 90 seconds. He said the kick by La Ling had been retaliation because he had committed a foul against the Dutchman earlier. La Ling said it was all an accident. He said: "I did not see anyone nearby so I raised my leg to control the ball."

Olympiakos, in second place behind AEK, one point adrift, had a hat-trick from Nikos Anastopoulos, who leads the league scoring race with eight goals, to thank for beating tough Rhodes, 3-1 at home. Only 15,000 fans saw the match and attendance figures are down throughout the league.

"If Olympiakos play as we did against Ethnikos (a 3-1 victory) then we will be unbeatable," said Olympiakos manager Alketas Panagoulias. "Also, I believe the fans will start coming back. I know they have been disappointed with us but we have been champions for the last three years and no one should forget that."

Olympiakos were hoping to sign Norway's 25-year-old midfielder Roger Albertsen, who has been in Belgium.

Giannena, with a 2-0 defeat of Doxa, moved into third place and are the top provincial team. Ethnikos defeated Panionios 1-0 as the club managed by Alan Dicks jumped to sixth place. Ethnikos, the only team so far this season to beat AEK, had suffered four consecutive scoreless draws before the much-needed win.

Two Salonica teams have their problems, PAOK and Hercules played to a scoreless draw before only 13,000 fans. Hercules, on top of the table earlier this season lost 1-0 to promoted Macedonikos who are bottom of the table with Panionios.

UX SINK STONE

by Andre Duclos

Nantes winning the title on their present incisive, even commanding, form? Certainly not Lens, who suffered a five goal blast from them with no inkling of an excuse.

Certainly the morale of the Saint Etienne players should be positively affected now. Football is football the world over. Just as Peter Swales the Chairman of Manchester City observed in one of your TV documentaries that his players were being told rather than consulted about the complex goings on at the club, so Patrick Battiston, the international full-back so cruelly felled by Harald Schumacher in Seville in the '82 World Cup, has complained that the Saint Etienne players, though centrally involved, were not consulted in any way.

"Frankly," he says, "we had the impression of being abandoned," which, correct or not, is a shocking reflection on how the club was being run. "At Metz," said Battiston, in contrast, "the club was run like a family. You knew who was in charge, you knew the men, you were in touch with everything happening." With all the advantages that weren't to be found in the colder, more remote, atmosphere of Saint Etienne, when things began to go so very seriously wrong.

Beating Bordeaux 3-1 was the first sign that Saint Etienne's players were benefiting from the apparent end of the crisis and the installation of the new regime. The Greens got away to an excellent start, went two goals up through Oleksiak and Zanon, and kept their noses in front even though Bordeaux then took over the game.

The departure of Osvaldo Ardiles to England and Spurs won't have broken the hearts of the Parisian fans. Somehow the highly talented little Argentine didn't settle down; perhaps his heart was not in it.

Susic's arrival from Yugoslavia came as something of a surprise, for almost up to the time it happened, it seemed that there were too many obstacles in the way. Certainly it has tipped the balance of the team quite dramatically, an attacking midfielder giving way to an out and out striker. Shortly before Ardiles left, Paris Saint Germain, with what seemed just about the strongest team they'd put out all season, still crashed 3-1 away to little Tours; where, believe it or not, the prolific Delio Onnis, another Argentine be it noted, didn't get a single one of the home goals.

Goodbye to Paris Saint-Germain . . . Osvaldo Ardiles leaves after barely six months in France to return, earlier than expected, to Tottenham.

Shed a tear and spare a thought for poor Ralf Edstroem, the towering Swedish international of Monaco, a major star of the 1974 World Cup. A collision with the Oens goalkeeper sent him back to Sweden, where a surgeon looked at his knee, was appalled, operated almost at once on the crucial ligaments on the inside of the left leg, and despite the speed of his intervention, cannot restore Edstroem for months to come.

Indeed, there is a probability that the poor fellow, who was expected to return to play in his native Gothenburg next summer, won't be in action against until 1984.

The strength of Nantes is indicated by the fact that the goals they score seem to come from almost every department; five different scorers, for example, against Lens, one of them being that fine attacking French international full-back, Bossis. He also, in the first half, got an own goal which put Lens ahead on the quarter hour. No one could at half time have predicted what was going to happen; tremendous pressure by Nantes, embarrassing collapse of the Lens central defence, four more goals and a rousing victory against a team which seemed to be cruising steadily to a draw; or even better.

Thierry Tusseau, motor of the midfield, says that everything is going well, the physical condition is good, the understanding of the team excellent. He wasn't, however, wholly pleased even with that 5-1 win; he thought it went to the team's heads when they had gone into a 3-1 lead. They might have done better reserving some of their bubbling energies for the match against Saint Etienne which was shortly to come. But as we know, it all worked out for the best.

What Tusseau would like, above all, is to see Nantes playing true Total Football, with full-backs roaring into attack, strikers dropping back into midfield, everyone capable of doing everything. He knew, he says, during the Alps Cup, just before the season started, that everything was going to go well. The matches didn't matter, but the team was already in fine form, the newcomers were slotting in well, the signals were set fair.

Tusseau himself admits that he feels most at ease when he plays left-back; but he thinks the middle of the field is the most comfortable of all, even when things are going wrong.

Cross section

AT the half way mark a year ago, Dukla Prague led the way with neighbours Bohemians trailing by two points.

Now, Dukla are nowhere in the hunt and Bohemians are the team of the moment, leading the field (until March) two points clear at the top ahead of Banik Ostrava.

Bohemians really are top dogs, with a home record of played 7 won 7 for 24 goals to 4 and they had eight of their players (seven played) chosen for the 16 to travel for the away European championship match with Italy and drew 2-2.

Frantisek Havranek, formerly an assistant of Dr Jozef Venglos has done a fine job so far of creating a new, young, capable national team.

Bohemians have really been pulling in the crowds. They got a capacity 16,000 for their UEFA Cup home match with Servette and will surely repeat that in March for the visit of Dundee United.

Bohemians are riding so high that in the 11th round they won 4-3 away in the local derby against Dukla at the Juliska stadium and more than that, their win was the only away success of the round and they pulled in a staggering 10,101. For Dukla's next home game only a miserable 1,406 turned up!

The lowest crowd of the first half was the miserable 461 at the Inter-Bratislava v Sparta Prague 1-1 draw. But that game was shown live and in full on television. There were some more terrible crowds at the 14th round when the winter cold first made itself felt. Only 608 saw Tatran Presov and Slovan Bratislava draw 0-0 and the same day Inter-Bratislava (again) attracted only 614 for the visit of newly promoted Olomouc whom they beat by 2-0.

Just to underline how long the game has been going on in Czechoslovakia, when Sparta and Slavia met at the Letna ground and drew 3-3 it was their 203rd local derby in league games!

The people of Olomouc are accustomed to big battles for just outside the town is the battlefield on which the Russians gave Napoleon his first defeat years ago, before withdrawing to Moscow.

But if Olomouc avoid relegation they are going to have to fight like the Russians did more than a hundred years ago. Up for the first time ever, they look like going straight down again. But when bottom they beat Lokomotiva Kosice by 2-1 watched by 5,754 and followed that with a 1-1 draw away to Sparta in Prague thus scoring their first away goal of the campaign, it did give their fans hope. Former champions now in relegation trouble are Spartak Trnava, the Czech team of the seventies.

But with international goalkeeper Dusan Keketi now their captain they did ease their problems at the 14th hurdle with a 1-0 win at home to Sparta. And even though the game was on TV they still pulled in a crowd of 2,284.

In the goalscoring stakes, top marksman at the half-way mark is Petr Janecka of Brno with 9 goals, followed by Jiri Sloup of Bohemians with eight. Then their are five men on seven goals and former hero Marian Masny of Slovan Bratislava is equal eighth with six goals (including penalties) while his old international colleague, Dukla's Zdenek Nehoda is nowhere in sight.

Nehoda now has permission to go abroad and is currently on trial in West Germany but he will not score many goals, even if he could provide some guidance and skill in midfield. He has certainly lost his appetite for the game and the battle, as he showed in the World Cup as the Czech captain who let Venglos down badly.

Overall the first half of the season was a success only for Bohemians. The total crowds for First Division matches was 430,951 for an average of only 3,591 per game.

Finally, former Dukla star, Brno manager, and hero of the 1962 World Cup Final, Josef Masopust, is now the leader of a little Czech colony in Belgium. At Division Two Sporting Hasselt, Masopust is the boss and with him he has three very experienced Czech players. Two of them, Jan Svehlik (298 league games for Slovan Bratislava and Dusan Gallis, 216 for Slovan) were both full caps scoring respectively 70 and 84 league goals. With them is Rostislav Vaclavicka, also ex-Slovan who played 289 league games for them.

EAST GERMANY

THE DDR's Olympic Games side beat Poland 4-1, but only 3,000 turned out to watch and interestingly, full national team boss Bernd Stange is also in charge of the Olympics team which is an unusual departure.

The full team were also in action, beating Romania in Karl Marx Stadt by 4-1 with goals from Dieter Kuhn (2), Rudiger Schnuphase and Jurgen Heun. This reinforces the position of Herr Stange who is just completing his first year as national team boss and must qualify in the European championship or move over.

Hans-Jurgen Dorner (Dynamo Dresden) usually plays as libero but Bernd Stange has played him in the key attacking midfield role and Dorner, the most experienced player in the new squad now has 80 caps.

But this season promises to be the year of the forwards. Hans-Jurgen Riediger of BFC

Gorski retires to Greece

KAZIMIERZ GORSKI is regarded as the best manager in Poland of all time, leading his country to a gold medal in the 1972 Olympic Games and then on to third place in the 1974 World Cup, writes ERIC BATTY.

He had recently spent several years working in Greece, but returned home this season to take over Legia Warsaw, the ailing army team. Then at the 14th hurdle Legia were beaten at home 2-0 by Wisla Krakow and Gorski decided he had had enough of the worries and pressures. Old enough to draw his pension and with his only son recently married and well settled he quit the job, announced his retirement and flew off to Greece for a holiday . . . and a new job with AEK Athens.

The Footballer of the Year award went for the second time to Zbigniew Boniek, now with Juventus in Italy, but formerly the star of Widzew Lodz. This is the second time he earned the award put up by the weekly paper *Pilka Nozna* for he also earned it in 1978. He is the third player to take it twice with Kazimierz Deyna winning the trophy in 1973 and 1974 and Grzegorz Lato getting it twice, first in 1977 when he was with Stal Mielec and then again in 1981 while playing in Belgium for KSC Lokeren. Among the younger players, Andrzej Iwan who was injured in the World Cup and still only 23 has his career threatened. He was operated on for a knee injury as soon as he got home to Poland but has not played this season at all, and his future is doubtful.

Another World Cup casualty was midfield player Waldemar Matysik of Gornik Zabrze. He entered hospital with a mysterious illness on returning home from the World Cup and there is no sign of when he might play again either.

Slask Wroclaw are the surprise leaders at the half way mark — 15 games but there only well known player was centre back Roman Wojcicki and he has been transferred to Widzew Lodz. So the leaders are a team of unknowns, organised by manager Jan Calinski.

However, Slask are not unbeatable as they showed when going down 0-1 away to lowly Baltyk Gdynia 0-1 in their 15th game, and that left them just one point ahead of Widzew Lodz and Gornik Zabrze who each have 18 points from 15 games. Slask have a slight edge in their defence, but everyone is having trouble scoring goals.

This is underlined by the individual goalscoring figures. Two men each have eight goals from 15 games:

Miroslaw Pekala (Slask Wroclaw), Miroslaw Okonski (Lech Poznan) and two more have seven each. But for example the leading scorers of Ruch Chorzow have only four each (two of them) and Ruch occupy fourth place in the league table, just two points behind the leaders Slask.

Grzegorz Kapica of Szombierki Bytom, the top marksman in league games last season has only four to his credit this season and Legia's Adamczyk, the top scorer in 1980-81 has now precisely one.

According to the weekly football paper *Pilka Nozna* Poland now has six international class players, but two of them — libero Wladyslaw Zmuda is in Italy with Verona and Boniek is with Juventus.

This leaves three men at home, goalkeeper Jozef Mlynarczyk (Widzew Lodz); Waldemar Matysik (Gornik Zabrze) — when he plays; Janus Kupcewicz (Lech Poznan) and Andrzej Buncol of Legia Warsaw. The odd man out is stopper centre back Pawel Janas, recently with Legia but transferred to Auxerre in France.

Eastern Europe

by Eric Batty

Dynamo Berlin, the reigning champions and league leaders is walking away with the league scorers title. So far he has hit 16 goals in 12 games and unlike second placed Andreas Andrich of Vorwarts Frankfurt he does not take penalty kicks. Andrich has 12 so far. But in third place is the 31 years old Joachim Streich of 1.FC Magdeburg.

His international days are over at 31 with a fine record: 86 caps and 45 international goals for East Germany. But languishing well down the scorers list he suddenly came to life in the 12th round with Magdeburg at home to Sachsenring Zwickau.

Bottom of the league and the only team without a league win so far, Zwickau proved difficult at first for after 40 minutes Magdeburg were only winning 1-0. Then an avalanche began with Streich getting three goals and another former international Jurgen Pommerenke hitting a pair, and Magdeburg finally ended up winners by 9-0, the biggest score of the season so far. Even more important for Joachim Streich, this boosted his tally for this season to nine and pushed him up into third place. Like Riediger, Streich does not take penalties so he earns all his goals the hard way. The specially interesting point is that Streich is now poised to become the highest league goalscorer the DDR has ever known.

Record

The overall record is the 189 scored by former international left winger Eberhard Vogel. He scored most of them for FC Carl Zeiss Jena and did not retire until he was 37. Now Streich needs just one more to equalise and two to become the highest overall.

The best of Joachim Streich came in his late twenties when in consecutive seasons he helped Magdeburg to honours and a regular place in the European competitions. In the 1978-79 league campaign Streich hit 23 goals, and in the three years that followed he scored 19, 20 and 16.

A fine player with real skill he is far more than just a hammer and if he gets the overall title, as he surely must barring a serious injury it would be the perfect end to the career of a very fine player who did it all the right way — with skill and finesse.

After 12 rounds in the Oberliga BFC Dynamo Berlin, champions for the last two seasons are top again with a four point lead over four clubs, one of whom is Streich's 1.FC Magdeburg. It seems inevitable that BFC will make it three league titles in a row . . . unless something happens to their goalscoring star, Hans-Jurgen Riediger. But for all their success BFC are still not pulling in big crowds.

Only 9,000 saw them held to a 1-1 draw by one of their strongest challengers the army team FC Vorwarts Frankfurt who moved from Berlin themselves some years ago to try and improve their attendances.

Lokomotive Leipzig, another East German club well known internationally were challenging hard until the 11th round they crashed 2-3 away to newly promoted FC Union Berlin. This game was played in neutral Dessau for disciplinary reasons but still attracted a crowd of 12,000. But in the next game away to Wismut Aue, Lokomotive recovered their best form and ran up a 3-0 win with all the goals going to 26 years old international striker Dieter Kuhn.

Josef Mlynarczyk

Two point lead for Dukla

Sachsenring Zwickau look doomed to drop but newly promoted Chemie Bohlen, without a win in ten games suddenly came to life and could now save themselves. In two consecutive games they got their first win in fine style, 4-0 at home to Wismut Aue, and followed that with another win at home to FC Karl Marx Stadt. Watched by only 4,500 it was 1-1 until the 80th minute when left sided striker Eberhard Lippmann won the precious points with a good goal to clinch a 2-1 win.

After 12 rounds in the Oberliga the attendance figure reached the one million mark for an average of 12,837 overall which is not at all bad. But the best supported club is still Dynamo Dresden who seem to be the only side capable of pulling more than 20,000. The Dresden club look as if they will come again soon, for their Under 21 side, who play their games as warm-up matches before the Oberliga fixtures are top of the Under 21 league with a fine record: won 10, drawn 1, lost 1.

One last thing. Although BFC Dynamo Berlin are indisputably the best club in East Germany at the moment there will once more be no Cup and League double for them. In the quarter-finals they crashed out losing 2-4 away to FC Carl Zeiss Jena. Dynamo were without their golden boy Riediger but they were doing well at 1-1 until the 68th minute.

Then the Zeiss libero Rudiger Schnuphase went upfield for a corner, and as he so often does he headed a goal. Very quickly centre forward Jurgen Raab put Zeiss 3-1 ahead and the game was then virtually over.

Legia Warsaw 0
Wisla Krakow 2 (Syslo, Kowalik)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Urbanczyk.
Legia: Kazimierski; Bedryj, A. Sikorski, Zalezny, Kakietek; Majewski, Buncol, Miloszewicz; Szaniawski (Adamczyk), W. Sikorski (Iwanicki), Turowski.
Wisla: Adamczyk; Motyka, Nawrocki, Krupinski, Gorgon; Kowalik, Kapka, Targosz; Szulzycki (Plewniak), Syslo, Kmiecik.
Cracovia Krakow 0
Ruch Chorzow 1 (Benigier)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Ogorzewski.
Cracovia: Koczwara; Surowiec, Dybczak, Turecki, Podsiadlo; Karas, Stoklosa, Kuc; Gacek (Piskorz), Blachno (Smolen), Tobolik.
Gornik Zabrze 2 (Dolny, Brzezinski)
Baltyk Gdynia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Kostrzewski.
Gornik: Famula; Piotrowicz, Lesnik, Dolny, Ossowski; Gunia, Szwezig, Zalastowicz; Socha (Grzegorczyk), Palasz, Brzezinski (Ratka).
Baltyk: Burzynski; Melcer, Gierszewski, Walczak, Sieracki; Rzepka, M. Cirkowski (W. Cirkowski), Pazdzior (Krauze), Puszkarz; Zgutczynski, Nowacki.
GKS Katowice 2 (Biegun, Szarek)
LKS Lodz 1 (Milczarski)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Zelazko.
Katowice: Sput; Wijas, Piekarczyk, Zajac, Gornik; Luczak (Grzywaczewski), Chmaj, Kapias; Szarek, Biegun, Furtok.
Lodz: Bako; Bendkowski, Dziuba, Gajda, Rozycki; Chojnacki, Kilmas, Lasou; Milczarski, Plachta (Ziober (Slawuta)), R. Robakiewicz.
Szombierki Bytom 2 (Sobol, Kapica)
Lech Poznan 2 (Okonski 2 (1 pen))
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 500. **Ref:** Wojcik.
Szombierki: Surlit; Czyba, Mierzwiak, Skiba, Guszka; Sobol (A. Krol), Kwasniowski, Pietryga; Malnowicz (Bys), Kapica, Sroka.
Lech: Mowlik; Strugarek, Adamiec, Barczak, Malek (Partynski (Szewczyk)); Oblewski, Pawlak, Kupcewicz; Niewiadomski, Okonski, Bak.
Pogon Szczecin 1 (Sokolowski)
Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Gos.
Pogon: Szczech; Stanczak, Kozlowski, Sokolowski, Czepan; Ostrowski, Kensy, Biernat, Woronko; Stelmasiak, Krupa (Zambrzycki).
Zaglebie: Slabik; Woznica, Mokowski, Koterwa, Rudy; Urban, Saczek, Kordysz; Bryla (Nowak), Plazinski (Miska), Koczuba.
Widzew Lodz 2 (Filipczak, Rozborski)
Gwardia Warsaw 1 (Chelstowski)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Nogalski.
Widzew: Bolesta; Swiatek, Grebosz, Wojcicki, Kaminski; Wozniak (Wraga), Romke, Rozborski, Surlit; Filipczak (Gierek), Tlokinski.
Gwardia: Sikorski; Sodoma (Wiesniewski), Pulikowski, Kraska, Wdowczyk; Chelstowski, Walczak, Szydlowski (Szczepanski), Kompa; Banaszkiewicz, Baran.
Slasks Wroclaw 2 (Pekala, Sybis)
Stal Mielec 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Suchanek.
Slask: Kostrzewa; Sobiesiak, Kopycki, Krol, Majewski; Prusik, Tarasiewicz, Faber (Kowalczyk), Pekala; Sybis, Socha (Ptak).
Stal: Stawarz; Skiba, Oratowski, Bialek, Kubicki; Buda, Ciolek, Hnatio; Tyburski (Stelmach), Janikowski, Latka.

Star-studded Valencia are . . . bottom!

by Keir Radnedge

VALENCIA, coached by Miljan Miljanic and starring the likes of Mario Kempes, Daniel Solsona, Miguel Tendillo and Kurt Welzl, are bottom of the Spanish first division.

They completed the last, sad step of a spectacular slump in falling 5-1 to leaders Real Madrid. And Madrid were considerably weakened with five first-teamers under suspension! Juanito scored two goals before collecting a fourth booking of the season which meant his collecting a one-game ban as well.

It was a disappointing return to the Estadio Bernabeu for one-time Madrid coach Miljanic.

The normally loquatious Yugoslav had little to say about the way his new club have dived since he took over in the autumn from Manolo Mestre. Miljanic blames fatigue from their continuing UEFA Cup campaign, plus the disruption of injuries, and in particular, the continuing absence of Danish star Frank Arnesen.

It just hasn't been Valencia's season. Mario Kempes completed a century of goals in Spain but has otherwise been in little evidence on the left in midfield while sweeper Ricardo Arias and Austrian World Cup striker Kurt Welzl have both been dropped.

Miguel Tendillo is demonstrating only a fraction of the defensive composure which made him one of Spain's few successes during the World Cup and had it not been for new goalkeeper Bermell, Valencia would be in an even sorrier state.

As it is they need to make up four points on Osasuna, Malaga or Betis — who fired Hungarian coach Antal Dunai on Christmas Eve — if they are to escape the drop. That would be disaster indeed for a club who have never been relegated since arriving in the first division in 1931.

It just hasn't been Valencia's season. Even when they beat Banik Ostrava of Czechoslovakia in the second round of the UEFA Cup, they had to play the Czech leg in Banik's change strip, their own kit having gone missing en route!

Impact

But while the cases of Kempes and Welzl present one side of the 'foreign' coin, not all the imports have been letting themselves down this season. The most successful of all has been Thomas N'kono, the Cameroon goalkeeper who made such an impact during the World Cup that Espanol Barcelona persuaded him to stay on.

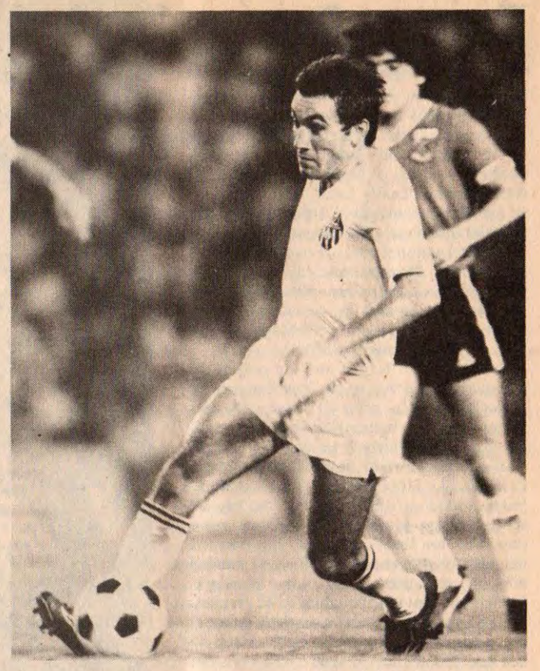
N'kono has proved one of the personalities of the championship, playing so well that Espanol have released Belgian World Cup goalkeeper Theo Custers, after paying him £35,000 to buy out the remaining 18 months of his contract.

Not all the minnows have proved so fortunate as N'kono. Already the Honduran World Cup 'keeper, Juan Arzu, has been dropped by Santander, World Cup defensive colleague Anthony Costly has been placed on the transfer list by unhappy Malaga, and the El Salvador forward Jorge Gonzalez has had officials with Cadiz tearing their hair out with his lack of punctuality.

Gonzalez is regularly late for meals, for team talks and for training. He says he has trouble getting up in the mornings and no amount of fines from the management have made any difference.

Gijon are hoping for better things from their new arrival, ex-Red Star Belgrade striker Dusan Savic who has, at last, won his release from the Yugoslav authorities. Gijon coach Vujadin Boskov has a string of fine young players coming through, as was underlined by the fact that Gijon remained unbeaten until the start of December, when they finally went down 1-0 away to Sevilla, a goal from Magdaleno doing the damage.

At the top of the table the battle continues. Bilbao continue to pick up good results, a 1-0 win away to Barcelona making up for a 4-2 home defeat by Real Madrid, who lead the Basques by just one point.



Jose Carrete . . . captain of crisis club Valencia.

As for Madrid-Barcelona relations, problems remain. An attempt at peace talks, chaired by Atletico Madrid president Vicente Calderon, proved a waste of time. Now Madrid's Juanito is sueing Barsa president Jose Luis Nunez for £160,000 damages for remarks made on the eve of the recent meeting between the teams.

Barcelona, from their standpoint, are furious over allegations that Diego Maradona told Uli Stielike during that match that he'd "ten times have preferred to join Madrid than Barsa."

Maradona, of course, will miss most of the rest of the season because of hepatitis. Barcelona hope to bring back Hans Krankl (for the third time!) from Austria to fill the foreigner gap.

Meanwhile the first trophy of the season has gone to Real Sociedad, who collected the inaugural Spanish Super Cup after defeating Madrid 0-1, 4-0. The second leg, in San Sebastian, was even more vicious than the first, with Madrid having Juan Jose and Angel sent off.

They may be top of the league, but they're next to bottom of the Fair Play table!

TRUST Johan Cruyff to come up with something different. The veteran Ajax leader indulged, in the 5-0 win over Helmond, in some penalty trickery which had referees – the armchair and official variety – reaching for the laws of the game.

Cruyff had already scored once when, in the 21st minute, Ajax were awarded a spot kick. He took the kick himself, but merely tapped the ball to his left, Jesper Olsen ran through, but instead of shooting himself, pushed the ball forward to his right for Cruyff to step forward and, this time, shoot home.

Cruyff said: "We got the idea when training in the snow. When the ground is heavy or slippery this trick allows you to control the shot better. Also, it's something entertaining for the fans . . ."

Cruyff said that because the two passes went forward to a player behind the ball, there was no question of offside – though not everyone was satisfied.

It wasn't the first time. On November 7, in an Italian third division game, the Sardinian club Torres scored against Grosseto when one player pushed the ball sideways for another to run through and shoot. Belgium worked that version once against Luxembourg in an international and the great goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora once scored such a goal in a charity match in Spain.

Cruyff may still play for Holland in Seville

from Jan-Hermen de Bruijn

THERE is still a chance that Johan Cruyff will be a part of the Dutch national team to play Spain on February 16 in Seville.

The story of Johan Cruyff and the national team is one full with glory and problems. Glory mostly in 1974 when Holland, under the captaincy of Cruyff lost the World Cup final against West Germany; but problems on many other occasions so that Cruyff played in only 48 internationals — a total which could easily have been doubled.

In mid-December it looked as if Cruyff could at last make a comeback to the national team, something of which almost every fan must have been dreaming since Cruyff made such an impressive return with Ajax.

It was the manager of Ajax, Aad de Mos, who approached national boss Kees Rijvers and arranged a talk between the two. Afterwards Cruyff told Rijvers that he would announce his decision one day later.

Problems

Rijvers, certain that Cruyff would agree and already wearing his best suit fur a "victorious" press-conference, was astonished when the captain of Ajax told him that there still were some problems.

The full extent of these "problems" have not been announced, but it is believed that the structure of the Dutch federation has something to do with it. Like Germany, but very much unlike England or Belgium, the manager of every Dutch club (even the smallest ones) has to pass exams before he can become a manager; these exams even include ball-control and dribbling.

So if Cruyff wants to be manager of Ajax (and almost everybody believes this to be one of his ambitions) he will first have to show his skills to some "football-teachers".

And this Cruyff (and a lot of former Dutch internationals like Wim van Hanegem of Feyenoord and Wim Jansen of both Ajax and Feyenoord) thinks is crazy. Cruyff, quite rightly in my opinion, thinks that a player who has been three times European Footballer of the Year, has shown enough to be spared the embarrassment of a "skill-test."

So no Cruyff after all in the national team and no Ruud Krol, Kees Kist, Jan Peters, Johnny Metgod, René van der Gijp and Simon Tahamata either.

But the chance that at least these other exiles will play against Spain is good. Rijvers announced early December a squad including all those old and famous names. He knew that all these players would have to refuse to play the international against Malta (strangely planned for a Sunday), because of clubs matches.

Jan Peters . . . now with Genoa, but back in the Dutch national team plans.

But Rijvers, for once, didn't mind. He just wanted to show the older players that he has given up the idea of relying only on young and unexperienced players in the team. Malta, he thought, could be beaten even without all the big names . . . and Rijvers was right. Holland won the away match 6-0, the biggest "home defeat" for Malta in their football history. But it must be said that it was not a real "home match". Malta didn't play on their own island, or even on Sicily where they played Iceland some six months ago. Malta (punished by UEFA and banned from their own island for two matches) sold the match to the Dutch federation for £23,000 and agreed to play in Aachen, a German city just over the border with Holland.

For Holland it was a big advantage. It is very unlikely that Spain and Ireland, Holland's group rivals, can gain the same advantage when they play Malta away.

In the league Ajax won the "winter-title" with a one point lead over Feyenoord and two points clear of PSV Eindhoven. Ajax had 28 points from 17 matches, only losing twice and drawing twice with 45 goals scored and only 15 against.

After 17 rounds (minus one match) there had been 1,446,000 spectators (average of 9,513) against 1,365,000 last season (average 8,922).

Topscorers are Feyenoord's strongly-built Peter Houtman and PSV's Jurrie Koolhof, both with 15. Joint third with 10 are Wim Kieft (last year European topscorer but this season not always in the Ajax first team), Gerald Vanenburg (Ajax), Hallvar Thoresen (PSV) and Willy Carbo (FC Utrecht), Ricky Talan (AZ'67) and Wouter Holverda (Sparta) scored 9 goals and Erwin Koeman (FC Groningen) and Roger Raeven (Roda JC) both scored eight.

CARMEL BUSUTTIL, at 19 the youngest member of Malta's national squad, cuts a special cake (below) prepared for the team as they got ready for the European championship tie against Holland. Hopefully the cake tasted better than Malta's 6-0 defeat! The cake was created by the chef at the Malta's Jerma Palace Hotel, where Malta midfielder Michael Degiorgio is employed.

IVORY COAST'S BITTER BATTLE

from Rob Pateman

THE Ivory Coast has recently seen a bitter battle between the Ivorian Football Federation (FIF) and the top clubs, led by Africa Sports and Asec, which was only settled by the intervention of Sports Minister Laurent Donafologo.

The FIF had attempted to bring several changes to the league, which would have put stricter restrictions on the signing of new players, including limiting the number of foreign players to one per club. They also wanted to increase the league from 10 to 16 teams and planned to prevent clubs postponing matches when players were on international duty.

The major clubs felt so strongly over these issues that they disrupted the start of the new season and when it was clear that negotiations between the two sides were getting nowhere Donafologo stepped in.

Generally he seems to have come down on the side of the clubs, the limit of foreign players was increased to two, the same as last year, transfer rules were relaxed and clubs kept the right to postpone games if they had three or more players on international duty.

The size of the league was a more difficutl problem and here Donafologo compromised, the first division was increased to 16 clubs but they were divided into two pools of eight, thus reducing the number of games the clubs would have to play.

Donafologo's intervention was no doubt spurred by the fact that the Ivory Coast is to stage the 1984 African Nations Cup, where supporters will be expecting the home side to do well. The Ivory Coast is one of the continents wealthier nations and their league is, present troubles excluded, well run and financially sound and Ivory clubs can attract good players from the rest of Africa.

Yet the nation has had only limited success, Stade d'Abidjan did take the championship cup away back in 1966 but the national team has often been disappointing, their best results probably coming in the 1980 Nations Cup where they held the eventual champions Nigeria to a goalless draw but failed to make the semi-finals thanks to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Egypt.

Roger Milla . . . Cameroon star

1984 is seen as a golden opportunity to break this lean run and hence the anxiety that this recent dispute should disrupt the national teams preparation.

Over the other side of the continent we have just heard news that the Southern African states have formed their own organisation, the Southern African Football Confederation (COSAFA).

Although the first meeting was held in Malawi it is Zambia, noted by their absence at this years Central and East African Championship, who are said to be the main force behind the move and the Zambian FA Secretary, Ernest Mate was elected the first secretary of the new body.

Malawi, Zimbabwe. Madagascar, Lesotho, Mozambique, Botswana, Mauritius and Swaziland are all reported as having joined the new Federation although it is not yet clear whether the COSAFA will act in co-operation or competition with the old CECFA.

Certainly if the Southern nations were to boycott the East African Championship it would leave the competition embarrassingly short of good sides while with many countries finding it more and more difficult to finance sending teams abroad it is unlikely that the likes of Zambia or Mozambique could afford to enter two competitions.

Certainly the news was treated with surprise and disappointment in East Africa and the Secretary of the Kenya FA, Mahlon Danga was openly critical of the move being quoted as saying the Southern nations had "turned their backs to the gate which was declared open by their East African brothers".

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THE STAGE for the 1984 African Nations Cup, whose finals will be held in Ivory Coast, has been set with the first round matches whose results appear not to auger well for some teams.

In Bamako, the Mali capital, where it said that the sun never rises when the home team loses, Mali tasted their first home victory when they beat Gambia 3-1 in a first-round, first-leg tie.

Mali, encouraged by their huge partisan crowd were two-up by half time and had gone three up after 65 minutes. But as the time was ticking away the last minutes, Biri Biri pulled one back for Gambia.

Mali took the lead in the 22nd minute through left winger Drissa Konate and right winger Yacouba Traroe, later booked for retaliation, added a second three minutes before half-time.

Abdoulaye Loumare increased Mali's lead in the 65th minute, then came Biri Biri's late goal.

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SEKONDI HASAACAS Club of Ghana emerged the proud winners of the WAFU Cup donated by Togolese President, General Eyadema when they held the Owerri Spartans of Nigeria to a fighting goalless draw in the Final of finals at the Accra Sports Stadium on October 30, 1982.

Kwadede of Ghana's Hearts of Oak tries to beat Ali Shatta of Arab Contractors. The Egyptians defeated the much fancied Ghana side.

The Ghanaian Club side snatched the trophy on a 1-0 aggregate having won the first-leg away match at the Surulere National Sports Stadium, Lagos on October 16, by a lone goal.

Significantly, this is the first time a club from Ghana had participated in the competition, exclusively reserved for countries along the West Coast of Africa and the victory clearly underlines the football strength of the former British colony which, in March this year, won the Africa Cup for an unprecedented fourth time in the 13th African Cup of Nations tournament held in Tripoli, Libya.

Clubs which took part in the 1982 WAFU contest were Mighty Blackpool of Sierra Leone, Stade Club of Mali, Buffalo Club of Benin, Aiglons Club of Togo, Owerri Spartans of Nigeria and Hasaacas of Ghana.

Previous winners of the contest, now in its sixth year, are Stade Club of Ivory Coast, (1977), Association Sportif Club of Senegal (1978), Police Club of Senegal (1979, 1980) and Stella Club of Ivory Coast (1981).

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DEFENDING champions, Harambee Stars of Kenya retained the East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup when they beat hosts, Uganda 4-2 on post match penalties at Nakivubo Stadium in Kampala.

The game, watched by a crowd of more than 60,000 spectators, had to go into extra time when the teams failed to break the 0-0 impasse at the end of the 90 minutes. Extra time produced no winners either as the two East African neighbours drew level 1-1.

Results

GROUP A at Kampala

Uganda 2, Malawi 1 — Zimbabwe 1, Malawi 1 — Zimbabwe 3, Tanzania 1.

GROUP B at Jinja

Kenya 2, Sudan 1 — Zanzibar 1, Sudan 0 — Kenya 2, Zanzibar 2.

Semi-Finals

Uganda 3, Zanzibar 0 — Kenya 2, Zimbabwe 1.

Final

Full-time: Uganda 0, Kenya 0. Uganda 1, Kenya 1 (aet).

Penalties: Kenya 4, Uganda 2.

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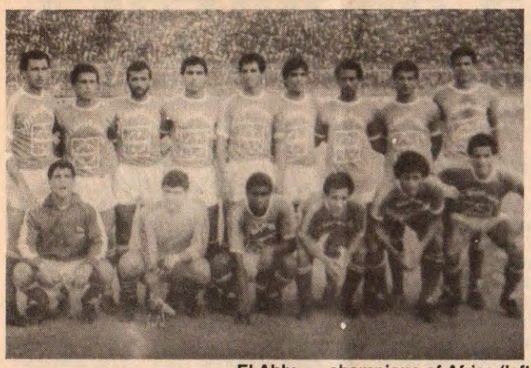

El Ahly . . . champions of Africa (left), and Asante Kotoko . . . beaten finalists.

Year belongs to Egypt

From Oheneba Charles Nyarko, Accra

FOOTBALL honours at club level on the African Continent belonged to Egypt in the year just ended.

Her two clubs — Arab Contractors and El Ahly won the Cup-winners' Cup and the Africa Cup of Champion Clubs' trophies.

Arab Contractors defeated Power Dynamos of Zambia 4-0 on aggregate while El Ahly emerged as the 1982 champion club after drawing 1-1 with Asante Kotoko of Ghana in the crucial final second leg at the Kumasi Sports Stadium on December 12. El Ahly, who a fortnight earlier had won 3-0 in Cairo thus beat their Ghanaian opponents 4-1 overall.

Despite losing the first leg so heavily, all Ghanaians believed, strangely, that Asante Kotoko were capable of winning at home by at least four goals.

But the dreams of Asante Kotoko and their estimated 120,000 supporters turned into a nightmare even though the hosts began in a furious fashion.

By the 10th minute Kotoko had forced El Ahly to concede as many as five corners and wasted them all — a basic flaw in African football is that the teams haven't yet mastered how best to utilise set-pieces like corner-kicks and free-kicks.

Despite the near misses, however, it was obvious from the run of play that the Ghanaian club could not be denied a goal, which did come in the 11th minute. A defensive mix-up by El-Ahly presented right-winger John Bannerman with an easy chance.

The second half saw the Egyptians change their pattern of play. Unlike the first half during which they mostly defended, they powered forward ceaselessly and earned an equaliser in the 68th minute when inside-left Khatib slotted home a half chance.

El Ahly, thus became the second Egyptian club to win the Africa Cup of Champion Clubs title in the competition's 18-year history.

Asante had really lost their chance in the first leg — or before. They travelled to Cairo in a military aircraft described as 'ancient' by those who saw it and there was general amazement that the Ghana side should have made such a long uncomfortable journey so close to the big match.

They seemed to have little life in them during the first half of the final which saw El Ahly race into that decisive three-goal lead. Mohmoud El Khatib, that most prolific of goalscorers, found the net twice while Alaal Mahboub also got his name on the score sheet.

Asante seemed to be heading for a heavy defeat but they rallied in the second half and knowing that even a single away goal would throw the competition open again, attacked fiercely Opoku Nti, a member of the Ghana team which won the African Nations Cup, twice seemed to have put the ball in the net only to see keeper Ikramy produce a magnificent save on each occasion.

Asante included several players with international experience. Koffi Badu, a forward who wanders all over the pitch to receive the ball is one of Ghana's most highly rated stars and he has built up a good understanding with fellow international Albert Asase, who provides a constant stream of simple but effective passes in midfield.

Up front Asante rely on veteran international Opuku Afriyie to provide the goals as well as Opuku Nti. Full-back Haruna Yusuf was probably the best of the defenders, with Joseph Carr an experienced and reliable goalkeeper.

Despite this they were always outsiders, for El Ahly's form this past season had been exceptional.

Most of El Ahly's dangerous moves start out on the flanks where Zakaria Nassef and Moukhtar are both fast and skilful players who can get behind defenders. El Khatib is the ideal man to benefit from their serfice as he proved in the semi-final against Enugu Rangers when he scored two first half goals to destroy the Nigerian's narrow first leg lead.

Captain Ramadan El Sayed is a commanding influence in the middle of the park while goalkeeper Ikrami, best remembered for his performance in the 1980 Nations Cup, is one of the best on the continent.

Path to the Final

El Ahly

Second Round v Young Africans (Tanzania) 5-0 (h) 1-1 (a).
Quarter-Final v Green Buffaloes (Zambia) 3-1 (h) 1-0 (a).
Semi-Final v Enugu Rangers (Nigeria) 0-1 (a) 4-0 (h).

Asante

Second Round v Invicible XI (Liberia) 0-0 (a) 3-0 (h).
Quarter-Final v Kampala C. C. (Uganda) 6-0 (h) 1-1 (a).
Semi-Final v Lupop (Zaire) 2-1 (a) 3-0 (h).

Past winners: 1965 Oryz Douala; 1966 Stade Abidjan; 1967 TP Engelbert Lubumbashi; 1968 TP Engelbert; 1969 Ismaily Alexandria; 1970 Ashanti Kotoko Kumasi; 1971 Canon Yaounde; 1972 Hafia Conakry; 1973 Vita Kinshasa; 1974 CARA Brazzaville; 1975 Hafia; 1976 Mouloudia Algiers; 1977 Hafia; 1978 Canon; 1979 Union Douala; 1980 Canon; 1981 JET Tizi-ouze (Algeria).

THIS is Andreas Constantinou, who faces possibly the most intriguing game of his career on February 12 when Cyprus — for whom he keeps goal — face Italy in the European championship in Limassol.

World Cup-holders Italy have been held to draws at home so far by both Czechoslovakia and Rumania and know that against the Cypriots they must score as many goals as possible in case the group — as looks increasingly likely — is decided on goal difference.

Cyprus have been beaten 3-1 away by Rumania and 1-0 at home by Sweden and, though avoiding defeat at Italy's hands looks a tough assignment, Constantinou and Co won't give in easily.

Their Bulgarian team boss Vassilu Spasov spied on the Italians against Rumania. Having been in charge of Cyprus only since September, Spasov has introduced new players and new tactics and has no illusions about the chances against Italy.

He says: "Italy are still the best team in the group, in my opinion, despite their two draws. Of course now they have to try much harder but I think they are still favourites to top the group. Against us they will give everything, not only for the two points but also for goals. We must be careful."

LAKIS AVRAAMIDES

NASL CONFLICT LOOMS AGAIN

from Colin Jose

THERE are times when the North American Soccer League seems determined to bring itself into conflict with the rest of the soccer world to no useful purpose and the upcoming 1983 season is no exception.

Following such innovations as the 35-yard offside line and the shoot out amongst others, the 1983 season is likely to be known from now on as "The Year of the Gun" if FIFA allows the league to procede with its plans.

First of all one must understand NASL terminology in order to be able to decifer a recent communique from the league office. Game-production for example is the term used to describe the staging of an NASL game with all its various pre game ceremonies and half time ceremonies, and also it now seems the control of the game itself.

Period on the other hand is what the rest of the world calls a "Half" but is thus known in the NASL because extra time (known as overtime in the NASL) means that there could be as many as four periods.

Discussion

Having got that out of the way, let us now examine some information released by the league prior to the annual meeting in San Jose, in which a new proposal for discussion is set out.

"As far as any on-the-field game-production for 83 are concerned, the only new procedure would come in the way the end of a period is signaled. In the past, the game referee signaled the end of a period by blowing his whistle.

"It was felt by League officials, though, that this task placed an additional burden on the referee at a critical moment during the game, in that he had to watch the ball, players and the official stadium clock all at the same time.

"Therefore, it will be voted upon in San Jose that the procedure be changed to assign the fourth official on the touchline the duty of co-ordinating the final moments of a period with the clock and signaling the end of a period by the firing of a starters pistol."

In other words the NASL is proposing a change in the rules and will be instituting it, not through the International FA Board, but on its own. This could of course bring the NASL into yet another clash with FIFA.

The proposed change, which would in effect take the timing of the game out of the hands of the referee and place it in the hands of a fourth official on the touchline in much the same way as the timing of ice hockey and American grid football is handled. The idea of firing a starters pistol is another idea borrowed from grid football.

At its annual meeting the new rule was passed and the NASL issued the information as follows. "The one game-production change that was discussed and passed was the approval of the fourth official signaling the end of a period by the firing of a starters pistol. Previously, the referee signaled the conclusion of a period by blowing a whistle."

Will this new move bring more people into the stadiums? Will it enliven the performances of teams content to play negative soccer? I think not. What it will do undoubtedly is to bring the league into further ridicule from the thousands of soccer fans spread across the continent and around the world, something the league doesn't need at a time when it needs desperately to win back all those fans who have drifted away over the years.

In other NASL news Howie Charbonneau, an American born, three year professional in the League has been named to the new post of NASL Youth Coordinator. The position was created to promote the relationship of professional soccer to the close to eight million youth who are playing the game in America today.

Retirement

Veteran Canadian defender Sam Lenarduzzi of the Toronto Blizzard recently announced his retirement after playing in a record 43 internationals for Canada. Lenarduzzi's career took him to England in his early years for a trial with Reading and while he turned down the chance to play in England his brother Bobby stayed and played for Reading for a number of years.

Upon returning to Canada he played for Vancouver Columbus as an amateur before turning professional with the Vancouver Whitecaps in 1974 when the team was formed. He was transferred to the Toronto Blizzard in 1979 and played a total of nine seasons in the NASL.

Seiko top in Hong Kong

from Alister W. Coutts

IN a superbly entertaining match Seiko defeated Rangers 1-0 to confirm their position at the top of the 1st Division and with a third of the fixtures complete it looks as though Seiko will once again capture the league title.

Despite excellent individual performances from Jimmy Bone, the ex-Scottish international forward, and Derek Spence, the former Northern Ireland star, Rangers were no match for Seiko's Dutch players.

If the majority of the fans had come to see the legendary George Best turn out for Rangers, in this top of the table clash, they were sadly disappointed for he had an uninspiring first half and was substituted immediately before the interval. Although Best still retains his tremendous ball skills he seems to have lost his appetite for the game.

One player who still retains the will to win is Alan Ball, Eastern's new midfield signing from Southampton and he ran himself into the ground to earn Eastern a well earned draw against First Division newcomers Ryoden.

Ball is not the only recent arrival in Hong Kong as Derek Parlane the former Glasgow Rangers and Leeds United centre has joined Bulova in an attempt to bolster the Watchmens attack. Parlane replied by scoring two goals on his debut but did not meet with the same success in Bulovas important clash with Rangers.

In an action packed game in which Tommy Hutchison was outstanding neither team could find a way through the opposition's defensive cover.

At the foot of the Division perennial celler dwellers Sea Bee have plunged into the transfer market in a big way following their failure to sign Best.

John Phillips, the former Chelsea goalkeeper, and Duncan Davidson, the ex-Aberdeen striker, have both made their mark and much is expected of Nikola Jovanovic the former Manchester United star who jetted in this week from his native Yugoslavia.

Not to be outdone Happy Valley have stepped into the transfer market and signed Jeff Wood from J.K. Helsinki following his superb performance against Liverpool in the European Cup as well as signing Billy Woof, the former Middlesbrough striker.

With the abrupt demise of Morning Star the first Division now comprises only ten clubs playing each other only twice in the season and it has become obvious to the majority of clubs that an 18-game programme is a totally inadequate competition upon which to base the First Division championship.

Strong support is expected from top clubs, Seiko, Rangers, Bulova and Eastern, to a proposal to adopt Scotland's Premier League format whereby each club would play 36 league matches per season in addition to the three cup competitions. Although the major stumbling block to this proposal is the fixture congestion this would produce, simple economics should be enough to ensure its adoption next season.

With former international players of quality of Best and Spence (Northern Ireland), Tommy Hutchison, Jimmy Bone, Dave Stewart and Derek Parlane (Scotland), Ball (England), Dave Roberts (Wales), Jovanovic (Yugoslavia), Karl Bonsink, Dick Nanninga and Theo De Jong (Holland), Duncan Cole (New Zealand) and Peter Sharne (Australia) it is obvious that clubs with investment on this scale require sufficient games and subsequent gate receipts to ensure an adequate return on their capital outlay. A major problem confronting the Hong Kong Football Association at present is the continuing influx of foreign players who now view Hong Kong as the premier league outside Europe.

The influx of European and to a lesser extent Australian and South American players has effectively prevented the emergence of talented local players for the wealthy and successful clubs tend to look to Britain or Holland to recruit proven professionals as opposed to developing local talent to meet their requirements.

European Championship

Preliminary Round
Group 1

6.10.82	Belgium — Switzerland	3-0
13.10.82	Scotland — E. Germany	2-0
17.11.82	Switzerland — Scotland	2-0
15.12.82	Belgium — Scotland	3-2
30. 3.83	Scotland — Switzerland	
30. 3.83	E. Germany — Belgium	
27. 4.83	Belgium — E. Germany	
14. 5.83	Switzerland — E. Germany	
12.10.83	Scotland — Belgium	
12.10.83	E. Germany — Switzerland	
9.11.83	Switzerland — Belgium	
16.11.83	E. Germany — Scotland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Scotland	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
E. Germany	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Group 2

8. 9.82	Finland — Poland	2-3
22. 9.82	Finland — Portugal	0-2
10.10.82	Portugal — Poland	2-1
13.10.82	USSR — Finland	2-0
17. 4.83	Poland — Finland	
27. 4.83	USSR — Portugal	
22. 5.83	Poland — USSR	
1. 6.83	Finland — USSR	
21. 9.83	Portugal — Finland	
9.10.83	USSR — Poland	
28.10.83	Poland — Portugal	
13.11.83	Portugal — USSR	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
USSR	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Poland	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Finland	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

Group 3

22. 9.82	Denmark — England	2-2
9.10.82	Luxembourg — Greece	0-2
10.11.82	Luxembourg — Denmark	1-2
17.11.82	Greece — England	0-3
15.12.82	England — Luxembourg	9-0
27. 3.83	Luxembourg — Hungary	
30. 3.83	England — Greece	
16. 4.83	Hungary — Luxembourg	
27. 4.83	England — Hungary	
27. 4.83	Denmark — Greece	
15. 5.83	Hungary — Greece	
1. 6.83	Denmark — Hungary	
21. 9.83	England — Denmark	
12.10.83	Hungary — England	
12.10.83	Denmark — Luxembourg	
26.10.83	Hungary — Denmark	
16.11.83	Greece — Denmark	
16.11.83	Luxembourg — England	
3.12.83	Greece — Hungary	
14.12.83	Greece — Luxembourg	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	14	2	5
Denmark	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Greece	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

Group 4

22. 9.82	Wales — Norway	1-0
13.10.82	Norway — Yugoslavia	3-1
27.10.82	Bulgaria — Norway	2-2
17.11.82	Bulgaria — Yugoslavia	0-1
15.12.82	Yugoslavia — Wales	4-4
27. 4.83	Wales — Bulgaria	
7. 9.83	Norway — Bulgaria	
21. 9.83	Norway — Wales	
12.10.83	Yugoslavia — Norway	
16.11.83	Bulgaria — Wales	
14.12.83	Wales — Yugoslavia	
21.12.83	Yugoslavia — Bulgaria	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
Norway	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Group 5

1. 5.82	Romania — Cyprus	3-1
8. 9.82	Romania — Sweden	2-0
6.10.82	Czechoslovakia — Sweden	2-2
13.11.82	Italy — Czechoslovakia	2-2
13.11.82	Cyprus — Sweden	0-1
4.12.82	Italy — Romania	0-0
12. 2.83	Cyprus — Italy	
27. 3.83	Cyprus — Czechoslovakia	
16. 4.83	Romania — Italy	
16. 4.83	Czechoslovakia — Cyprus	
15. 5.83	Sweden — Cyprus	
15. 5.83	Romania — Czechoslovakia	
26. 5.83	Sweden — Italy	
9. 6.83	Sweden — Romania	
21. 9.83	Sweden — Czechoslovakia	
15.10.83	Italy — Sweden	
12.11.83	Cyprus — Romania	
16.11.83	Czechoslovakia — Italy	
30.11.83	Czechoslovakia — Romania	
22.12.83	Italy — Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Sweden	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Czechoslovakia	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Italy	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Group 6

22. 9.82	Austria — Albania	5-0
13.10.82	Austria — N. Ireland	2-0
27.10.82	Turkey — Albania	1-0
17.11.82	N. Ireland — W. Germany	1-0
17.11.82	Austria — Turkey	4-0
15.12.82	Albania — N. Ireland	0-0
30. 3.83	N. Ireland — Turkey	
30. 3.83	Albania — W. Germany	
23. 4.83	Turkey — W. Germany	
27. 4.83	Austria — W. Germany	
27. 4.83	N. Ireland — Albania	
12. 5.83	Albania — Turkey	
8. 6.83	Albania — Austria	
21. 9.83	N. Ireland — Austria	
5.10.83	W. Germany — Austria	
12.10.83	Turkey — N. Ireland	
26.10.83	W. Germany — Turkey	
16.11.83	W. Germany — N. Ireland	
16.11.83	Turkey — Austria	
20.11.83	W. Germany — Albania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
N. Ireland	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Turkey	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
Albania	3	0	1	2	0	6	1
W. Germany	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Group 7

5. 6.82	Malta — Iceland	2-1
1. 9.82	Iceland — Holland	1-1
22. 9.82	Holland — Rep. Ireland	2-1
13.10.82	Rep. Ireland — Iceland	2-0
27.10.82	Spain — Iceland	1-0
17.11.82	Rep. Ireland — Spain	3-3
19.12.82	Malta — Holland	0-6
16. 2.83	Spain — Holland	
30. 3.83	Malta — Rep. Ireland	
27. 4.83	Spain — Rep. Ireland	
15. 5.83	Malta — Spain	
29. 5.83	Iceland — Spain	
5. 6.83	Iceland — Malta	
7. 9.83	Holland — Iceland	
21. 9.83	Iceland — Rep. Ireland	
12.10.83	Rep. Ireland — Holland	
16.11.83	Holland — Spain	
16.11.83	Rep. Ireland — Malta	
17.12.83	Holland — Malta	
21.12.83	Spain — Malta	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	2	1	0	9	2	5
Rep. Ireland	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Spain	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Malta	2	1	0	1	2	7	2
Iceland	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CH'SHIP
Progress to date

1. 5.82	Cyprus-Rumania (Group 5)	1-2
31. 8.82	Iceland-Holland (Gp 7)	1-1
5. 9.82	Soviet Union-Poland (2)	1-1
8. 9.82	Finland-Poland (2)	0-0
21. 9.82	Finland-Portugal (2)	1-1
21. 9.82	Denmark-England (3)	1-4
21. 9.82	Wales-Norway (4)	0-0
21. 9.82	Austria-Albania (6)	1-2
5.10.82	Czechoslovakia-Sweden (5)	2-1
5.10.82	Belgium-Switzerland (1)	0-0
9.10.82	Portugal-Poland (2)	1-0
12.10.82	Scotland-East Germany (1)	2-0
12.10.82	Soviet Union-Finland (2)	2-2
12.10.82	Norway-Yugoslavia (4)	2-2
26.10.82	Bulgaria-Norway (4)	2-0
26.10.82	Turkey-Albania (6)	0-1
27.10.82	Poland-Finland (2)	4-0
27.10.82	Italy-Rumania (5)	2-0
27.10.82	Spain-Iceland (7)	1-0
27.10.82	Luxembourg-Sweden (5)	0-4
11.11.82	Czechoslovakia-Italy (5)	2-1
11.11.82	France-Sweden (5)	1-0
16.11.82	Switzerland-Scotland (1)	3-4
16.11.82	Greece-England (3)	1-0
16.11.82	Bulgaria-Yugoslavia (4)	0-2
16.11.82	Austria-Turkey (6)	1-1
1.12.82	Cyprus-Italy (5)	0-1
14.12.82	Belgium-Scotland (1)	1-2
14.12.82	Yugoslavia-Wales (4)	2-0

ARGENTINA
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Estudiantes de La Plata	27	15	9	3	37	15	39
Independiente	27	13	11	3	42	22	37
Boca Juniors	27	12	11	4	44	27	35
Huracán	28	13	9	6	34	22	35
Newell's Old Boys	28	12	9	7	46	27	33
Velez Sarsfield	27	12	8	7	36	29	32
Racing Córdoba	28	11	10	7	49	34	32
FC Oeste	27	10	9	8	26	28	29
Rosario Central	28	10	9	9	41	35	29
Talleres Córdoba	28	10	9	9	45	40	29
Institute Córdoba	28	9	10	9	35	45	28
River Plate	27	10	5	12	32	34	25
Argentinos Juniors	28	7	11	10	44	43	25
Racing (Avellaneda)	27	9	5	13	26	41	23
Union Santa Fe	27	6	10	11	30	43	22
Quilmes	27	6	7	14	24	45	19
Nueva Chicago	28	5	8	15	29	49	18
Platense	27	5	7	15	26	45	17
Sarmiento Junin	28	1	13	14	21	43	15

COLOMBIA
Final round of professional championship
(two games to go)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
America de Cali	12	7	3	2	17
Pereira	12	5	3	4	13
Tolima	12	4	5	3	13
Deportivo Cali	12	2	8	2	12
Millionarios Bogotá	12	4	3	5	11
Medellin	12	4	3	5	11
At. Junior Barranquilla	12	3	4	5	10
Nacional Medellin	12	3	3	6	9

EURO-RESULTS

UEFA CUP
(Third round, second legs (Dec 8)

Benefica 4 (Filipovic 11, Dimantino 50, Nene 60 and 86 pen)
FC Zurich 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 75,000. **Ref:** Roth (WG).
Benfica 5-1 on agg

Benfica: Bento — Pietra, Bastis Lopes, Humberto Coelho, Veloso — Diamantino, Carlos Manuel, Alves (Sheu 85) — Chalana, Nene, Filipovic (Cesar 75).

Zurich: Grob — Baur, Landolt, Ludi, Iselin (Rufer 66) — Zwicker, Hausermann, Maissen, Seliger — Jerkovic, Elsener.

Bohemians 2 (Cermak 41, Prilozny 89 pen)
Servette 1 (Decastel 17)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Soerensen (Den)
Bohemians 4-3 on agg

Bohemians: Borovocka — Jakubec, Prokes, Bicovsky, Ondra — Chaloupka (Levy 87), Zelensky, Sloup — Nemec, Cermak, Hruska (Prilozny 78).

Servette: Burgener — Seramondi (Mattioli 56), Geiger, Renquin, Dutoit — Decastel, Schynder, Favre, Mustapha — Elia (Gaveillet 84), Brigger.

Kaiserslautern 4 (Nilsson 11, Geye 19, Brehme 43, Eilenfeldt 63)
Sevilla 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 34,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It)
Kaiserslautern 4-1 on agg

Kaiserslautern: Reichel — Wolf, Dusek, Briegel, Brehme — Ceye, Brummer (Hubner 80), Kitzmann — Eilenfeldt, Nilsson, T. Allofs.

Sevilla: Buyo — Blanco, Alvarez, Serna (Rivas 72), Curro — Ruda, Jose Luis, Francisco, Pintinho — Lopez (Gervasio 56), Magdaleno.

Roma 2 (Iorio 55, Falcao 89)
Köln 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Schoeters (Bel)
Roma 2-1 on agg

Roma: Tancredi — Nela, Vierchowod, Di Bartolomei, Maldera — Ancelotti, Falcao, Prohaska — Conti, Iorio, Pruzzo.

Köln: Schumacher — Prestin, Bonhof (Hartmann 87), Cullmann, Zimmermann — Wilmer, Slijvo, Engels — Littbarski, Fischer, K. Allofs.

Sarajevo 1 (Musemic 40)
Anderlecht 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Guruceta (Sp)
Anderlecht 6-2 on agg

Sarajevo: Janjus — Radeljas, Kapetanovic, Vidovic, Ferhatovic — Hadzitgic (Milak 46), Janjos (Teskeredzic 46), Jozic — Susic, Musemic, Bozkovic.

Anderlecht: Munaron — Hofkens, Olsen, Peruzovic, De Groote — Frimann, Lozano, Coeck, Vercauteren — Vandenbergh, Brylle (Czerniatynski 64).

Un. Craiova 2 (Ticleanu 37, Geolgau 101)
Bordeaux 0
HT: 1-0. 90 min: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol)
Craiova 2-1 on agg, after extra time

Craiova: Lung — Negrila, Tilihoi, Stefanescu, Ungureanu — Ticleanu, Donose (Geolgau 58), Irimescu, Balaci — Crisan (Citru 85), Camataru.

Bordeaux: Ruffier — Rohr, Specht, Tresor, Bracci — Thouvenel, Tigana, Giresse, Memering — Martinez, Lacombe.

Valencia 2 (Solsona 31, Moreno 84)
Moscow Spartak 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng)
Valencia 2-0 on agg

Valencia: Bermell — Carrete, Moreno, Tendillo, Cesar (Subirats 86) — Ribes, Solsona, Roberto — Saura, Welzl (Felman 72), Kempes.

Spartak: Dassayev — Sochnov, Serbak, Romantsev, Morosov — Cherenkov, Shavlo, Gavrilov, Gess — Kalashnikov (Pozdniakov 85), Rodionov (Kuznetsov 58).

Werder Bremen 1 (Völler 49)
Dundee Utd 1 (Hegarty 3)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz)
Dundee Utd 3-2 on agg

Bremen: Burdenski — Kemp (Böhnke 11), Otten, Gruber (Schaaf 46), Fichtel — Moehlmann, Sidka, Siegmann, Völler — Okudera, Meier.

Dundee Utd: McAlpine — Stark, Malpas, Gough, Hegarty — Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood — Sturrock, Dodds (Holt 60).

QUARTER FINAL DRAWS (Mar 2 and 16): *Champions' Cup* — Widzew v Liverpool, A. Villa v Juventus, Kiev v Hamburg, Sporting v Real Sociedad. *Cup-winners' Cup:* Paris SG v Waterschei, FK Austria v Barcelona, Inter v Real Madrid, Bayern v Aberdeen. *UEFA Cup:* Bohemians v Dundee Utd, Kaiserslautern v Craiova, Roma v Benfica, Valencia v Anderlecht.

LIBERTADORES CUP FINAL
November 26 — first leg in Montevideo
PENAROL (Uruguay) 0 COBRELOA (Chile) 0

Peñarol: Fernandez, Diogo, Olivera, Gutierrez, Morales, Saralegui, Bossio, Jair, Silva (Rodriquez), Morena, Ramos. **Cobreloa:** Wirth, Tabilo, Eduardo (Raúl), Gomez, Soto, Escobar, Alarcon, Merello (Puebla), Ruben Gomez, Siviero, Letelier, Olivera (Rubio). Ref: Romualdo Arphi Filho, Brazil. Att: 70,000.

November 30 — second leg at Santiago
COBRELOA (Chile 0
PENAROL (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Morena)

Cobreloa: Wirth, Tabilo, Soto, E. Gomez, Escobar, Alarcon (Letelier), Morello, R. Gomez, Rubio, Siviero, E. Olivera. **Peñarol:** Fernandez, Diogo, Gutierez, W. Olivera, Morales, Bossio, Saralegui, Jair, Vargas (Rodriguez), Morena, Ramos. Ref: Jorge Romero, Argentina. Att: 70,000.

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EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1

Athens — friendly
Greece 1 (Anastopoulos 24)
Switzerland 3 (Egli 9, Sulser 62, 80)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Yacharov (Bul)

Greece: Plitsis — Firos (Michos 69), Gounaris, Aivasidis, Gravanis, Kouis, Kofidis (Galizios 89), Vlachos, Anastopoulos, Ardizoglu (Papaioannou 46), Kostikos (Saravakos 69).

Switzerland: Burgener (Berbig 46) — Ludi, Geiger, Egli, Hermann — Wehrli (Maissen 46), Favre, Decastel — Sulser (Koller 85), Ponte (Braschler 80), Elsener (Zwicker 46).

Greece turned out to be the weakest opponents Switzerland had met in nearly two years under Paul Wolfisberg and — once the visitors had realised the fact after a slow first half — the result was never in doubt. Wolfisberg experimented by trying zone defence tactics instead of man-to-man and in the first minute the Greeks might have taken advantage of early misunderstandings. However, it wasn't long before Raimundo Ponte's near post corner on the left was being headed into Plitsis's net by Egli for the opening goal at the other end.

The Greeks hit back quarter of an hour later. Anastopoulos slipped through the Swiss defence after a return pass from Kostikos on the right and beat Burgener with a close-range shot into the far corner. That was just the reminder the Swiss needed about the dangers of complacency and in the second half they took control. Each time it was Claudio Sulser who scored — first turning in a Ponte centre, then heading in from close range after Zwicker's shot rebounded off a post. Once again the revived Ponte set up the goal.

DECEMBER 4

Florence — Euro champ gp 5
Italy 0
Rumania 0
Att: 52,000 (receipts £223,000). **Ref:** Konrath (F)

Italy: Zoff — Oriali, Gentile, Marini, Collovati, F. Baresi, Conti, Tardelli, Rossi (Causio 46), Antognoni, Graziani (Altobelli 19).

Rumania: Lung — Rednic, Stefanescu, Ungureanu, Ticleanu, Iorgulescu, Gabor (Andone 58), Klein, Camataru (Augustin 86), Boloni, Balaci.

Injuries to strikers Paolo Rossi and Francesco Graziani were no sort of excuse for the world champions' further disappointment. The truth is, as the papers pointed out in banner headlines the next day: "We have won the World Cup — but have we lost the European chance?" Even after Rumania's Ticleanu had been sent off by Georges Konrath in the 55th minute, the Italians could make no headway — despite facing no threat from the Rumanian forwards.

Dino Zoff had one save to make, to a long-range effort from Boloni in the 16th minute, but after that he might as well have been sitting alongside Enzo Bearzot. Yet in front of him, the cohesian which emerged during the World Cup finals was rarely in evidence. Franco Baresi, of Milan, making his debut in place of the injured Scirea, was probably Italy's best player. But Marco Tardelli had a poor time in midfield and Franco Causio's performance as Rossi's substitute in the second half raised once more the question about whether he hasn't been past his best for some time. The only goalmouth incident worthy of note for Italy in the first half was in the 33rd minute when Stefanescu tackled Rossi from behind in the penalty box and Konrath turned down furious Italian pleas for a spot kick. In the last minute of the game Conti — whose pace had earlier provoked the dismissal of Ticleanu — had a goal-bound shot deflected for a corner.

Bearzot was honest enough afterwards to refuse to blame the result on injuries or the rugged tactics of the Rumanians. He said: "It was up to us to open the game, and get the goals. We failed."

DECEMBER 15

Brussels — Euro champ gp 1
Belgium 3 (Vandenbergh 25, Van der Elst 38, 63)
Scotland 2 (Dalglish 13 and 35)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 48,877. **Ref:** Garrido (Port)

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Daerden, Meeuws, Baecke — Vercauteren (Verheyen 63), Van der Elst, Vandersmissen — Vandenbergh (Schrijver 87), Coeck, Ceulemans.

Scotland: Leighton — Narey, McLeish, Hansen, F. Gray — Aitken, Strachan (Burns 77), Souness — Archibald, Bett (Sturrock 77), Dalglish.

Scotland threw it away because they were twice in front — thanks to Kenny Dalglish, winning his 89th cap — before they fell 3-2 behind and then suffered the galling experience of seeing Frank Gray miss a penalty. A brilliant one-two with Steve Archibald saw Dalglish score his first, but Erwin Vandenbergh equalised after Leighton "lost" a

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cross from Ludo Coeck at the near post. Dalglish scored an even more brilliant solo goal to restore Scotland's lead, cutting in from the right and chipping Pfaff with his left foot. But once again Belgium levelled, when Francois Van der Elst beat Leighton with a well-placed shot from the edge of the penalty box. In the second half the West Ham forward put Belgium in front for the first time, after a Ceulemans-Vandersmissen raid.

In the 78th minute came the last Scottish chance. Ceulemans tripped Graeme Souness as he slipped into the penalty box and referee Garrido had no hesitation in pointing to the spot. With John Robertson, the usual penalty-taker, on the subs' bench, Scotland looked to Frank Gray. But after the ball had once rolled off the spot — an ill omen — he saw his attempt spectacularly stopped by Jean-Marie Pfaff. Television replays showed that the Bayern Munich goalkeeper moved long before Gray shot, but he got away with it.

Wembley — Euro champ gp 3
England 9 (Moes og 17, Coppell 21, Woodcock 34, Blissett 43, 63, 86, Chamberlain 72, Hoddle 88, Neal 89)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 35,000 (£172,000). **Ref:** Jonsson (Ice)

England: Clemence — Neal, Butcher, Martin, Sansom — Robson, Lee, Mabbutt (Hoddle 74) — Coppell (Chamberlain 65), Blissett, Woodcock.

Luxembourg: Moes — Girres, Bossi, Rohmann, Meunier — Hellers, Weis, Clemens, Dresch — Di Domenico (Nuremberg 46), Reiter.

So easy for England, with Watford's Luther Blissett grabbing a hat-trick on his first full England appearance (he appeared as a sub against West Germany) to equal the achievement of Fred Pickering in the 10-0 win over the United States in 1964. This was England's biggest win since then.

This is how the goals arrived against a Luxembourg side short on organisation and totally lacking in spirit:

17 — Bossi, trying to clear, fired the ball against the back of goalkeeper Jeannot Moes, and it flew into the net (1-0);

21 — Steve Coppell headed in a Bryan Robson cross (2-0);

34 — Tony Woodcock headed in after Terry Butcher nodded on a Coppell corner (3-0);

43 — Blissett made up for a string of earlier misses when he touched in a rebound after Woodcock had seen a shot blocked by Moes (4-0);

63 — The same combination — Woodcock's effort coming off the bar and Blissett putting it in (5-0);

72 — Substitute Mark Chamberlain, yet another of England's emerging black stars, marked his first appearance with a further headed goal (6-0);

86 — Blissett completed his hat-trick with another header (7-0);

88 — A brilliant volley by substitute Glen Hoddle, on for Spurs' team-mate Gary Mabbutt (8-0);

89 — Phil Neal's shot was more of a badly-directed cross. But it caught Moes by surprise and he diverted the ball inside his own near post (9-0).

Titograd — Euro champ gp 4
Yugoslavia 4 (Cvetkovic 14, Zivkovic 17, Kranjcar 36, Jesic 66)
Wales 4 (Flynn 5, Rush 39, Jones 70, R. James 80)
HT:: 3-2. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)

Yugoslavia: Svilar — Stojkovic, Cvetkovic, Nikolic, Ferhatovic (Djurovski 81), Hadzibegic, Deveric (Jesic 59), Trifunovic, Gudelj, Kranjcar, Zivkovic.

Wales: Davies — Jones, Ratcliffe, Nicholas (Vaughan 77), Price, Jackett, R. James, Flynn, Rush, Thomas (Charles 57), Mahoney.

A dramatic match saw Wales take a point and go top of the group after twice fighting back from two-goal deficits — first from 3-1, then from 4-2 down. Wales might even have won, but in the 88th minute James's shot struck the bar and rebounded into play.

Flynn opened the scoring after onrushing goalkeeper Ratko Svilar only blocked a shot after a breakthrough by Ian Rush. But the Slavs hit back to go ahead. Aca Trifunovic created the first and second goals — each from a corner — for Cvetkovic and Zivkovic, before Krankcar scored after a cross from Deveric. The Slavs had caught Wales napping in midfield as Stojkovic dispossessed Price.

Wales were far from beaten, however, and quickly pulled back to 2-3 thanks to Liverpool's prolific Ian Rush, to go in at half-time just a goal down. In the second half substitute Jesic touched in yet another Trifunovic corner before Jones and Robbie James crowned Wales' spirited resistance with goals to draw level and stun the crowd — let alone Slav manager Todor Veselinovic.

Wales boss, Mike England, said: "I wasn't too pleased about the goals they scored. But it was the most amazing international I've been involved with — as player or manager."

Tirana — Euro champ gp 6
Albania 0
Northern Ireland 0
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Daina (Swz)

Albania: Musta — Targai, Ruchi, Ragani, Ahmetai — Miuga, Kola, Vakatana — Luchi (Mucha), Bimo (Omuri), Ballgjini.

N. Ireland: Platt — Donaghy, Nicholl, J. O'Neill, McClelland, Stewart, M. O'Neill, Brotherston, Hamilton, Whiteside, McIlroy.

With the team who beat West Germany 1-0 in Belfast, the Irish were a little lucky to escape defeat in a poor game which saw bookings for Jimmy Nicholl and Ragami. Albania had the best chances in the first half, hitting a post on the half-hour and then seeing Kola's 37th-minute shot fly wildly off target from close range. In the second half, however, the Irish began to make more headway. Martin O'Neill was narrowly off target with one drive and, just before the end, Norman Whiteside went close with a header.

DECEMBER 18

Aachen (WG) — Euro champ gp 7
Malta 0
Holland 6 (Ophof 22 pen, Van Kooten 25, 70, Hovenkamp 34, Schoenaker 39, 51)
HT: 0-4. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Pauly (WG)

Malta: Bonello — Consiglio (M. Farrugia 80), Edwin Farrugia, Holland, Schembri — Salerno, Emmanuel Farrugia, Fabri — Spiteri-Gonzi, R. Xuereb (Degiorgio 32), G. Xuereb.

Holland: Schrijvers — Van de Korput, Ophof, Wijnstekers, Hovenkamp — Boeve, Hofman (Gullit 63), Vermeulen — Van Kooten, Vanenburg (Koolhof 63), Schoenaker.

Banned from playing this game on home ground, Malta originally intended switching to southern Italy or Sicily again. But the lure of £20,000 from the Dutch Federation if they moved further north proved irresistible, and so the match was played in Aachen, West Germany.

Not that the result was ever in doubt, even though Dutch manager Kees Rijvers, inexplicably, suddenly turned his back on his youth policy and tried to recall all the old hands. Rudi Krol (Napoli) and Jan Peters (Genoa) both said no, however, and in the end it was a strange-looking Dutch side which ran out for the game.

They had few problems coping with the Maltese. Goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers was reduced to a solitary display of acrobatics to try to keep warm in the icy wind, while John Bonello at the other end was kept busy. With a dozen first-class saves he was largely responsible for the Maltese escaping as lightly(!) as they did. A foul by Schembri on Vermeulen led to Edo Ophof giving Bonello no chance from the penalty spot for Holland's opening goal, and that was the start of the avalanche. Two headers meant two goals for 34-year-old Kees Van Kooten as the Dutch ran away with the game.

DECEMBER 22

Joannini (Gr) — friendly
Greece 1 (Semertsidis 39)
Cyprus 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Fakis (Gr)

Greece: Sarganis — Berios (Gravanis 65), Tarassis, Michos (Galizios 82), Dontas, Semertsidis, Saravakos, Kouis (Liakos 46), Dimopoulos, Ardizoglu (Kofidis 74), Vlachos (Papaioannou 46).

Cyprus: Konstantinou — Stassos, Miamiliotis, Kuis, Erotokritou, Yanghoudakis, Tsufas (S. Mavroudis 60), K. Mavroudis (Antreu 52), Karsseras (Savidis 52), Christodolu (Vassiliu 78), Theofanous.

Cyprus gave Greece a scare before going down to their "usual" defeat. In the 30th minute Christodolu fired in a drive which beat Sarganis only to hit the post and fly wide. Thus encouraged to believe that, for once, this was their day, Greece struggled back to grab the winner with a 20-yard shot from Semertsidis which caught Konstantinou unsighted.

Gyor
Hungary 5 (Garaba 11, Burcsa 29, Budvari 40, S. Kiss 60, Poczik 73)
Turkey 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Poucek (Cz).

Hungary: Katzirz — Csonka, Kerekas, Garaba, Toth (Peter) — Hannich, Poczik, Burcsa — Tulipan (S. Kiss 46), Izso (Borostyan 46), Budvari.

Turkey: Senol — Ismail, Muzaffer, Bilal, Mustafa — Arintuna, Ilyas, Engin (Iskender) — Erdal (Talu), Selcuk.

Hungary prepared successfully for their meeting with France in early October without raising a sweat against one of Europe's weakest national teams.

Munich
West Germany 0
Belgium 0
Att: 25,000. **Ref:** Christov (Cz).

West Germany: Schumacher — Dremmler, K. Förster, Hannes, B. Förster — Matthäus, Stielike, Briegel, H. Müller (Milewski 46) — Littbarski, Rummenigge.

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Daerden, Meeuws, Baecke — Vandersmissen, Coeck, Verheyen, Vercauteren (Mommens 75) — Czerniatynski (Hoste 83), Ceulemans.

West Germany, playing their first international since losing to Italy in the World Cup Final, found an attendance of only 25,000 — their lowest since the war. Manager Jupp Derwall had several reasons for changes — the foremost being the retirements from the national team of Paul Breitner, Horst Hrubesch and Felix Magath. He would also have excluded goalkeeper Harald Schumacher but for injuries at the last moment to both Bernd Franke and Eike Immel. As it was Hamburg's Manni Kaltz was rested — an act for which he might have been grateful bearing in mind the disappointing nature of the game. Belgium went close once, when Jan Ceulemans was brought down by new German Footballer of the Year Karlheinz Förster. But in the end the Belgians had goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff — ironically playing on his home, Bayern Munich, pitch — to thank for the draw. For the first time in 309 matches the Germans were without now-retired masseur Erich Deuser on the reserves' bench.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1. — Dec 14 (Gent): Belgium 1 (Goossens 22), Scotland 2 (Nicholas 24, S. McGarvey 56).

Group 4. — Dec 14 (Niksic): Yugoslavia 2 (Mance 47, 83), Wales 0.

Group 5. — Dec 1 (Nicosia): Cyprus 0, Italy 1 (Monelli 34).

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CHILE
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobreloa	22	14	4	4	46	15	33(1)
Universidad de Chile	23	13	6	4	46	24	33(1)
Colo Colo	22	11	8	3	28	11	32(2)
Universidad Catolica	23	9	10	4	34	26	29(1)
O'Higgins	23	10	8	5	35	24	28
Naval	23	10	8	5	34	24	28
Magallanes	23	10	7	6	37	27	27
Dep. Norte Arica	23	10	5	8	31	34	25
Union Española	23	9	4	10	32	40	22
Regional Atacama	23	6	8	9	26	32	20
Audax Italiano	23	6	6	11	22	29	18
Palestino	23	4	10	9	20	31	18
Iquique	23	6	6	11	21	37	18
Deportivo La Serena	23	3	9	11	18	35	15
Rangers de Talca	23	5	3	15	19	49	13
Santiago Morning	23	3	6	14	29	40	12

(Bonus points obtained in pre-season tournament in brackets)

URUGUAY: First Division (2 games to go)
1) Peñarol (23 games) and Defensor (24) 36 points; 3) Nacional (24) 30; 4) Bella Vista (23) 28; 5) Sudamerica, Wanderers and Danubio (24) 24; 8) Rampla Juniors (24) 24; 9) Progresso (24) 22; 10) Cerro (24) 21; 11) Liverpool (24) 20; 12) River Plate (24) 19; 13) Miramar (24) 17; 14) Huracan Buceo (24) 16.

VENEZUELA
Professional League final round
(final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
San Cristobal	10	3	6	1	8	9	12
Univers. de los Andes	10	4	3	3	10	12	11
Deportivo Tachira	10	3	5	2	9	6	11
Portuguesa	10	2	6	2	10	12	10
Estudiantes	10	3	2	5	14	10	8
Deportivo Italia	10	2	4	4	6	8	8

LEAGUE OF IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Athlone Town	14	11	3	0	30	10	36
Dundalk	14	8	3	3	19	8	27
Shamrock Rovers	14	6	7	1	24	10	25
Drogheda United	14	7	3	4	23	12	24
Bohemians	14	6	4	4	19	12	22
Shelbourne	14	6	3	4	28	23	21
Limerick United	14	6	1	7	25	24	19
St. Pats. Ath.	14	5	4	5	19	22	19
Finn Harps	14	5	2	7	23	24	17
Waterford	13	4	5	4	17	24	17
Galway United	14	3	5	6	17	21	14
Sligo Rovers	14	3	3	8	16	29	12
Home Farm	14	2	2	10	16	35	8
UCD	14	1	3	10	17	39	6

HONG KONG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Seiko	7	6	1	0	17	3	13
Bulova	6	4	1	1	15	10	9
Rangers	7	4	1	2	10	5	9
Eastern	7	3	2	2	9	8	8
Happy Valley	5	2	1	2	6	8	5
Tung Sing	7	2	1	4	9	15	5
Ryoden	6	1	2	3	8	11	4
South China	6	1	2	3	7	13	4
Tsuen Wan	5	1	1	3	8	10	3
Sea Bee	6	1	0	5	9	15	2

ISRAEL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maccabi Natanya	15	11	3	1	36	17	36
Maccabi Tel Aviv	15	5	8	2	18	7	23
Shimshon Tel Aviv	15	5	7	3	17	12	22
Bhei Yehuda Tel Aviv	15	5	7	3	11	10	22
Maccabi Petah Tikva	15	6	4	5	18	19	22
Hapoel Tel Aviv	15	5	6	4	13	12	21
Hapoel Lod	15	4	8	3	21	16	20
Maccabi Jaffa	15	3	9	3	12	12	18
Maccabi Yavne	15	4	6	5	15	19	18
Maccabi Haifa	15	3	8	4	13	17	17
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	15	3	8	4	10	11	17
Hapoel Yahud	15	3	7	5	9	16	16
Hapoel Kfar Saba	15	3	6	6	19	22	15
Hapoel Ramat Gan	15	2	9	4	7	10	15
Beitar Jerusalem	15	2	7	6	18	22	13
Hapoel Jerusalem	15	3	3	9	16	28	12

Top scorers: Oded Mahness (Natanya) 15, Israel Fogel (Kfar Saba) 13.

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	20	16	2	2	54	22	34
Aberdeen	21	14	4	3	41	14	32
Dundee United	20	12	5	3	44	16	29
FC Dundee	20	6	7	7	27	26	19
Hibernian	21	3	10	8	16	26	16
St. Mirren	21	3	9	9	19	33	15
Morton	21	4	7	10	23	39	15
Motherwell	21	7	1	13	24	44	15
Kilmarnock	21	1	8	12	16	49	10

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard L.	18	11	3	4	46	22	25
Anderlecht	18	10	5	3	37	21	25
FC Brügge	18	9	6	3	30	18	24
Waterschei	18	8	6	4	27	20	22
Antwerp	18	9	4	5	25	21	22
Lokeren	18	8	5	5	23	17	21
Beveren	18	6	8	4	38	18	20
RWD Molenbeek	18	7	6	5	21	17	20
La Gantoise	18	6	8	4	27	24	20
Lierse	18	7	4	7	21	25	18
Beerschot	18	6	5	7	26	34	17
Cercle	18	5	6	7	22	25	16
Kortrijk	18	4	8	6	19	23	16
Waregem	18	4	5	9	18	26	13
Lüttich	18	3	7	8	15	35	13
Seraing	18	2	8	8	19	38	12
Winterslag	18	3	5	10	19	27	11
Tongeren	18	2	5	11	18	37	9

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	16	14	1	1	42	7	29
Porto	16	11	3	2	34	9	25
Sporting	15	9	3	3	28	14	21
Guimares	16	8	3	5	22	14	19
Rio Ave	16	8	2	6	30	22	18
Estoril	16	6	5	5	15	20	17
Varzim	16	6	5	5	13	22	17
Braga	16	7	2	7	21	22	16
Espinho	16	5	4	7	11	20	14
Portimonense	16	5	3	8	19	21	13
Salgueros	16	4	5	7	12	17	13
Setúbal	16	5	3	8	13	21	13
Boavista	16	3	5	8	13	24	11
Amora	16	3	5	8	10	23	11
Maritimo	15	3	4	8	9	19	10
Alcobaca	16	0	7	9	8	25	7

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	21	14	5	2	44	14	33
Bordeaux	21	13	2	6	41	26	28
Lens	21	11	5	5	36	29	27
Monaco	21	8	8	5	27	19	24
Laval	21	8	8	5	27	24	24
Paris SG	21	10	4	7	31	29	24
Brest	21	6	11	4	33	31	23
Lille	21	8	5	8	16	20	21
Auxerre	21	7	6	8	29	24	20
Strasbourg	21	8	4	9	25	32	20
Sochaux	21	4	11	6	31	28	19
Nancy	21	7	5	9	39	37	19
Metz	21	6	7	8	36	34	19
Rouen	21	7	4	10	28	29	18
St-Etienne	21	6	6	9	22	27	18
Toulouse	21	8	2	11	28	42	18
Mulhouse	21	7	3	11	25	40	17
Lyon	21	5	6	10	28	37	16
Bastia	21	4	8	9	22	31	16
Tours	21	7	2	12	32	46	16

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	18	14	2	2	47	15	30
Feyenoord	18	12	5	1	39	19	29
PSV Eindhoven	18	12	4	2	43	17	28
Groningen	18	5	11	2	31	22	21
Sparta	17	7	6	4	32	25	20
Roda Kerkrade	18	8	4	6	32	22	20
Fortuna Sittard	18	8	4	6	23	24	20
Alkmaar	18	7	4	7	26	20	18
Utrecht	18	8	2	8	29	31	18
Excelsior	18	7	3	8	25	26	17
Helmond	18	6	4	8	28	36	16
Haarlem	18	5	6	7	14	22	16
Twente	18	3	8	7	20	24	14
NEC Nijmegan	18	3	7	8	15	29	13
Willem II	17	4	3	10	18	25	11
GAE Deventer	18	2	7	9	19	38	11
NAC Breda	18	3	5	10	16	44	11
PEC Zwolle	18	2	5	11	15	33	9

WEST GERMANY
Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Offenbach	21	13	4	4	46	26	30
Mannheim	21	12	6	3	41	19	30
Uerdingen	20	11	6	3	36	21	28
Fortuna Köln	21	10	7	4	48	29	27
Kassel	21	11	4	6	44	27	26
SC Freiburg	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Darmstadt	21	10	4	7	36	33	24
Aachen	21	9	5	7	30	27	23
Stuttgarter Kickers	21	9	4	8	40	32	22
Duisberg	21	8	5	8	27	26	21
Fürth	20	7	6	7	36	39	20
Osnabrück	21	9	2	10	38	37	20
Hannover	21	6	7	8	40	40	19
Lüttringhausen	21	6	5	10	33	44	17
Solingen	21	5	7	9	32	43	17
Essen	21	6	4	11	28	35	16
Augsburg	21	6	4	11	15	30	16
FSV Franfurt	21	5	5	11	32	55	15
Wattenscheid	21	4	4	13	26	43	12
Schloss Neuhaus	21	3	3	15	23	54	9

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	24	16	5	3	59	21	53
Manchester United	24	12	7	5	33	19	43
Nottingham	24	13	4	7	40	31	43
Watford	24	12	4	8	42	25	40
Coventry	24	11	5	8	33	30	38
West Ham	24	12	1	11	42	36	37
Aston Villa	24	11	2	11	34	33	35
Manchester City	24	10	5	9	33	37	35
Ipswich	24	9	7	8	39	29	34
Tottenham	24	10	4	10	35	34	34
Everton	24	9	6	9	39	32	33
West Bromwich	24	9	6	9	36	35	33
Arsenal	24	9	6	9	31	32	33
Stoke	24	9	4	11	35	39	31
Southampton	24	8	6	10	29	39	30
Notts County	24	8	4	12	31	44	28
Luton	24	6	9	9	42	49	27
Swansea	24	7	5	12	31	36	26
Sunderland	24	6	8	10	27	37	26
Norwich	24	7	5	12	26	40	26
Brighton	24	6	6	12	21	44	24
Birmingham	24	4	11	9	19	34	23

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	20	13	5	2	38	15	31
Athletic Bilbao	20	13	4	3	40	22	30
Barcelona	20	11	6	3	34	13	28
Zaragoza	20	11	3	6	39	21	25
Atletico Madrid	20	11	3	6	33	27	25
Sevilla	20	8	7	5	23	16	23
Gijon	20	6	11	3	22	16	23
Real Sociedad	20	6	9	5	13	15	21
Espanol	20	8	4	8	25	20	20
Salamanca	20	7	5	8	18	25	19
Las Palmas	20	5	8	7	22	26	18
Betis	20	5	7	8	22	25	17
Vigo	20	6	4	10	16	30	16
Malaga	20	5	5	10	20	28	15
Santander	20	5	4	11	26	41	14
Osasuna	20	5	4	11	20	36	14
Valladolid	20	2	7	11	16	34	11
Valencia	20	3	4	13	20	37	10

NORWAY
Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vikings FA, Stavanger	22	11	7	4	39	24	29
Bryne IL	22	10	6	6	25	25	26
Lillestrom SK	22	11	3	8	35	26	25
Vaålerengen IF, Oslo	22	10	4	8	35	21	24
Hamarkameratene	22	11	2	9	33	35	24
Rosenborg BK, Trondheim	22	7	9	6	32	29	23
Mjöndalen IF	22	9	5	8	28	32	23
Moss FK	22	6	8	8	27	26	20
IK Start, Kristiansand	22	5	8	9	22	31	18
Fredrikstad FK	22	5	8	9	22	31	18
Sogndal IL	22	5	6	11	25	33	16
Molde FK	22	4	8	10	26	41	16

Up from Division II come SK Brann (Bergen) and Kongsvinger IL. After play-off games between the two second-placed teams in Division II and Fredrikstad, Eik from Tönsberg also was promoted.
Top scorers: Tor Arne Granerud (Hamarkameratene), and Tryggve Johannesson (Viking) 11; Svein Mathison (Start) and Lasse Opseth (Sogndal) 10.

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	16	10	4	2	25	12	24
Verona	16	8	6	2	23	14	22
Internazionale	16	6	8	2	23	13	20
Juventus	16	7	5	4	19	13	19
Fiorentina	16	6	5	5	20	15	17
Udinese	16	3	11	2	15	15	17
Torino	16	4	8	4	15	11	16
Sampadoria	16	5	6	5	15	18	16
Cesena	16	3	9	4	12	13	15
Genoa	16	4	7	5	15	17	15
Cagliari	16	4	7	5	13	18	15
Avellino	16	3	8	5	14	19	14
Pisa	16	4	6	6	17	18	14
Ascoli	16	4	5	7	15	18	13
Napoli	16	1	8	7	9	18	10
Catanzaro	16	1	7	8	10	28	9

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	17	11	5	1	22	9	27
Galatassaray	17	10	5	2	21	9	25
Besiktas	17	10	2	5	25	12	22
Boluspor	17	8	4	5	17	11	20
Trabzonspor	16	7	6	3	14	9	20
Bursaspor	17	8	2	7	25	22	18
Sakaryaspor	17	7	4	6	18	16	18
Mersin IY	17	6	5	6	12	14	17
Kocaelispor	17	6	4	7	18	29	16
Adanaspor	17	6	4	7	14	15	16
Gaziantepspor	17	5	5	7	11	13	15
Antaltyaspor	17	6	3	8	12	24	15
Adanademirspor	17	6	2	9	19	20	14
Zonguldakspor	16	4	6	6	19	27	14
Sariyer	17	5	4	8	19	27	14
Ankaragueu	17	3	7	7	18	22	13
Samsunspor	17	4	3	10	18	25	11
Altay	17	4	1	12	11	24	9

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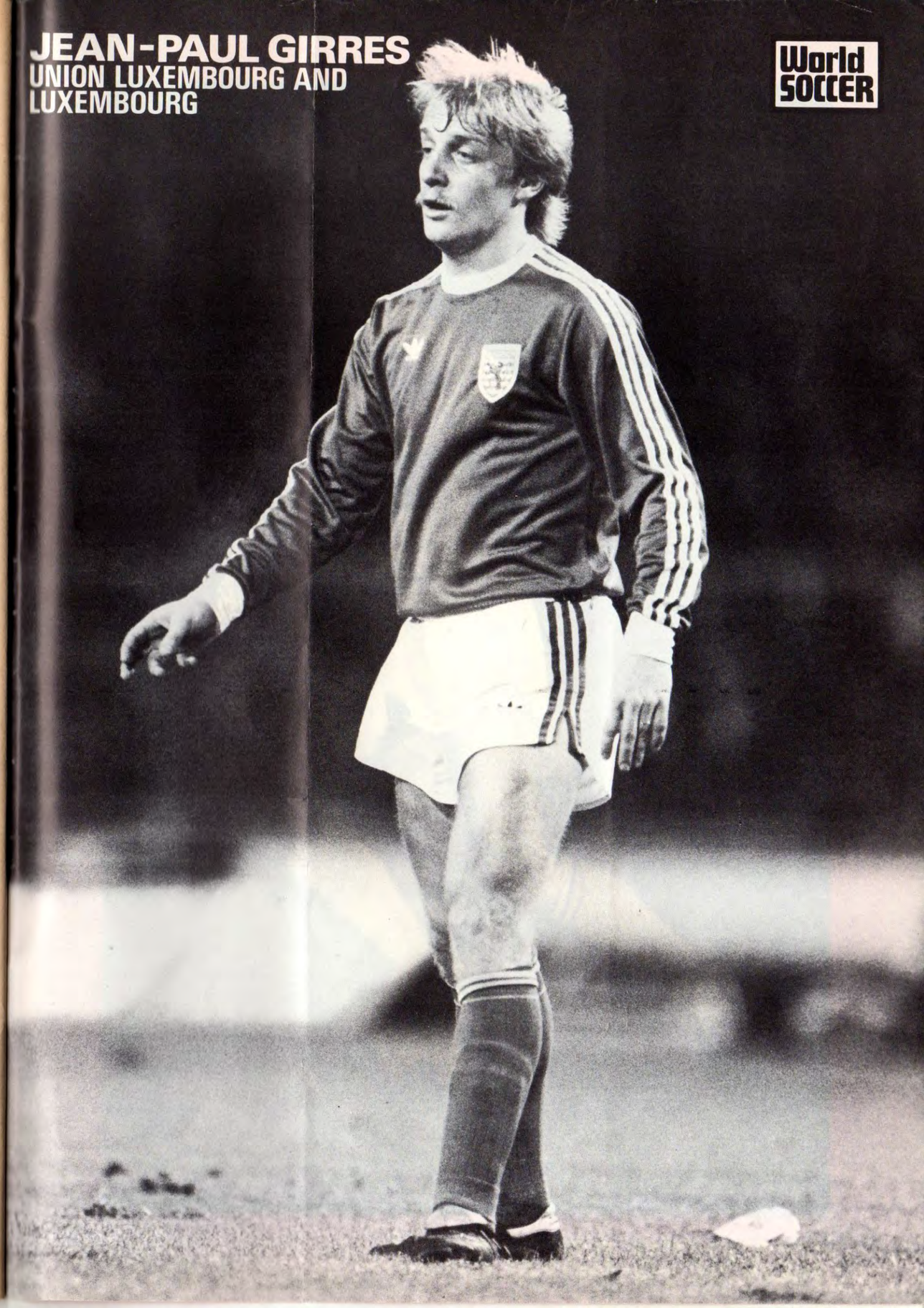

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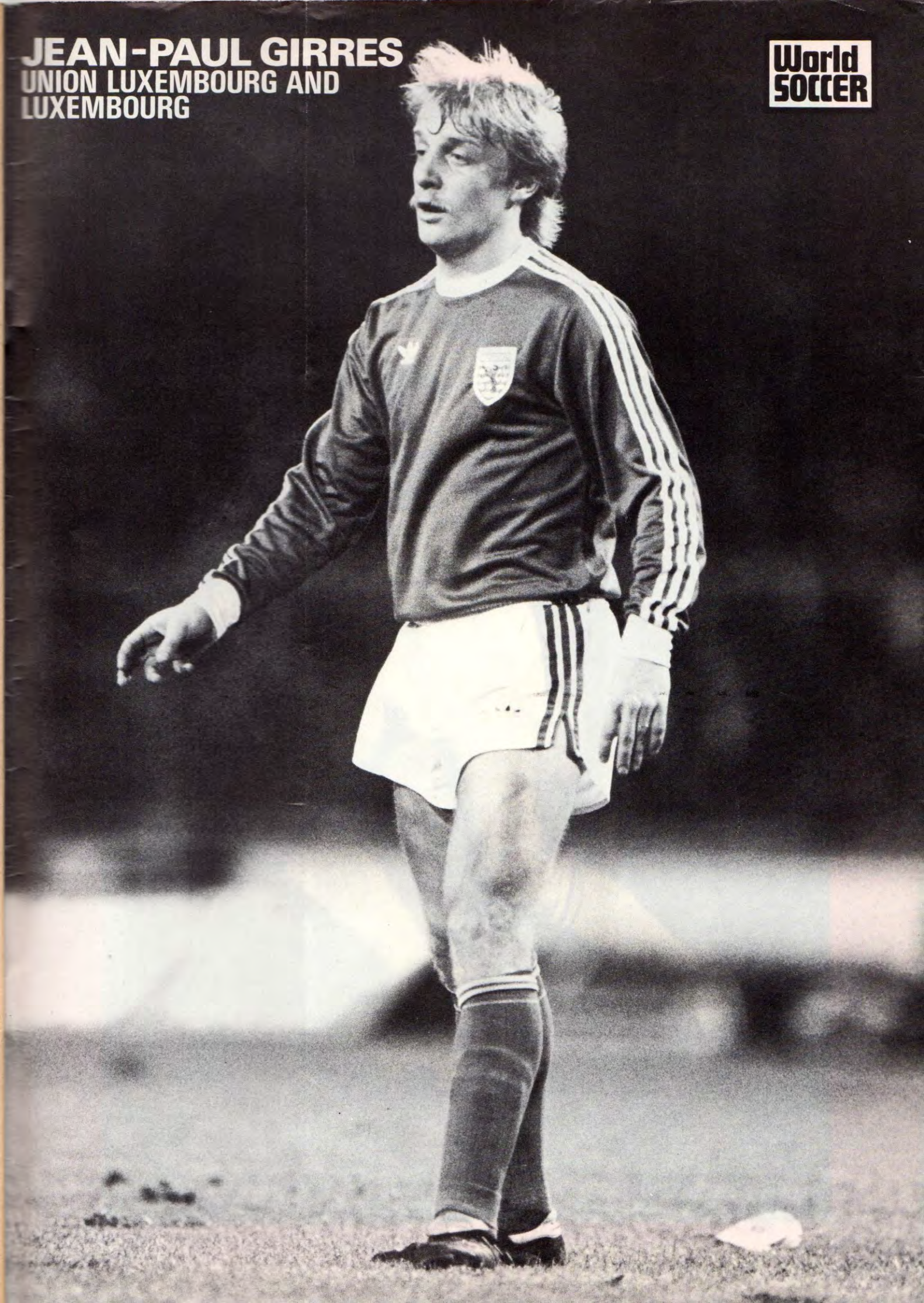

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